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Robert H. Alberts,
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Board of Education

Stated session of the Board of Education for the month of January, 1912, held on Monday evening, January 15, 1912.

Meeting called to order at nine o'clock by President Taylor, of the Board of 1911.

The roll call resulted as follows:

Present—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Wendelken and President Taylor.

Absent—Messrs. Daab, Funcheon, Gebhardt and Muzzi.

There being no quorum, President Taylor declared the session adjourned without date.

WILLIAM A. KERR,

Secretary.

Haboken, N.J.
Education

Board of Education

Special session of the Board of Education, called by President Taylor of the Board of 1911, for the purpose of "Organization."

The session was called to order in the rooms of the Superintendent, the roll call resulting as follows:

Present—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Wendelken and President Taylor.

Absent—Messrs. Daab, Funcheon, Gebhardt and Muzzi.

There being no quorum present, President Taylor declared the session adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,

Secretary.

Board of Education

Organization Meeting

Organization of the Board of Education, appointed by His Honor Mayor Cooke, under the provisions of the act known as Chapter 233, of the Laws of 1911, held on Thursday evening, February 1, 1912.

Upon the request of the Secretary, Mayor Cooke acted as temporary Chairman.

The following communication from His Honor the Mayor was read, viz.:

Mayor's Office,

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 8, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education,
City of Hoboken, N. J.:

Mr. Wm. A. Kerr, Secretary:

Dear Sir—I beg to notify you that I have appointed the following named persons, for the terms set opposite their names, as members of the Board of Education. These appointments are made in conformity with Chapter 233, session laws of the State of New Jersey, year 1911, page five hundred and twelve.

Messrs. George Lankering, Julius Lichtenstein and George Gebhardt, for the term of one year, beginning February 1, 1912.

Messrs. Robert H. Alberts, Richard A. Marnell, Lawrence Lynch, for the term of two years, beginning February 1, 1912.

Messrs. Richard Mooney, Bernard Vezzetti, James P. Laverty, for the term of three years, beginning February 1, 1912.

I would respectfully request you to notify the members named to meet for organization on Thursday evening, February 1, 1912.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

MARTIN COOKE,

Mayor.

The communication was placed on file.

A communication was presented from James H. Londrigan, Esq., City Clerk, certifying that the above-named appointees had duly qualified before him.

The roll was then called and the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Lankering, Mooney, Marnell and Vezzetti.

Absent—Mr. Gebhardt.

Mayor Cooke announced that the first business in order was the election of a President.

Mr. Mooney placed in nomination for President, Mr. George Lankering, and there being no other nomination, the Secretary called the ayes and nays, and Mr. George Lankering was elected President for the current year by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell and Vezzetti.

Excused from voting—Mr. Lankering.

Absent—Mr. Gebhardt.

Mr. Lankering was declared elected President of the Board, and Mayor Cooke appointed Messrs. Mooney and Alberts to escort him to the President's chair.

Upon assuming the position of President, Mr. Lankering gave expression of thanks for the honor conferred, and desired the co-operation of the members in order to make the administration of the school system successful.

The next business in order being the election of a Vice-President, the President called for nominations, whereupon Mr. Laverty placed in nomination Mr. Robert H. Alberts, and the ayes and nays being called, Mr. Alberts was elected Vice-President by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

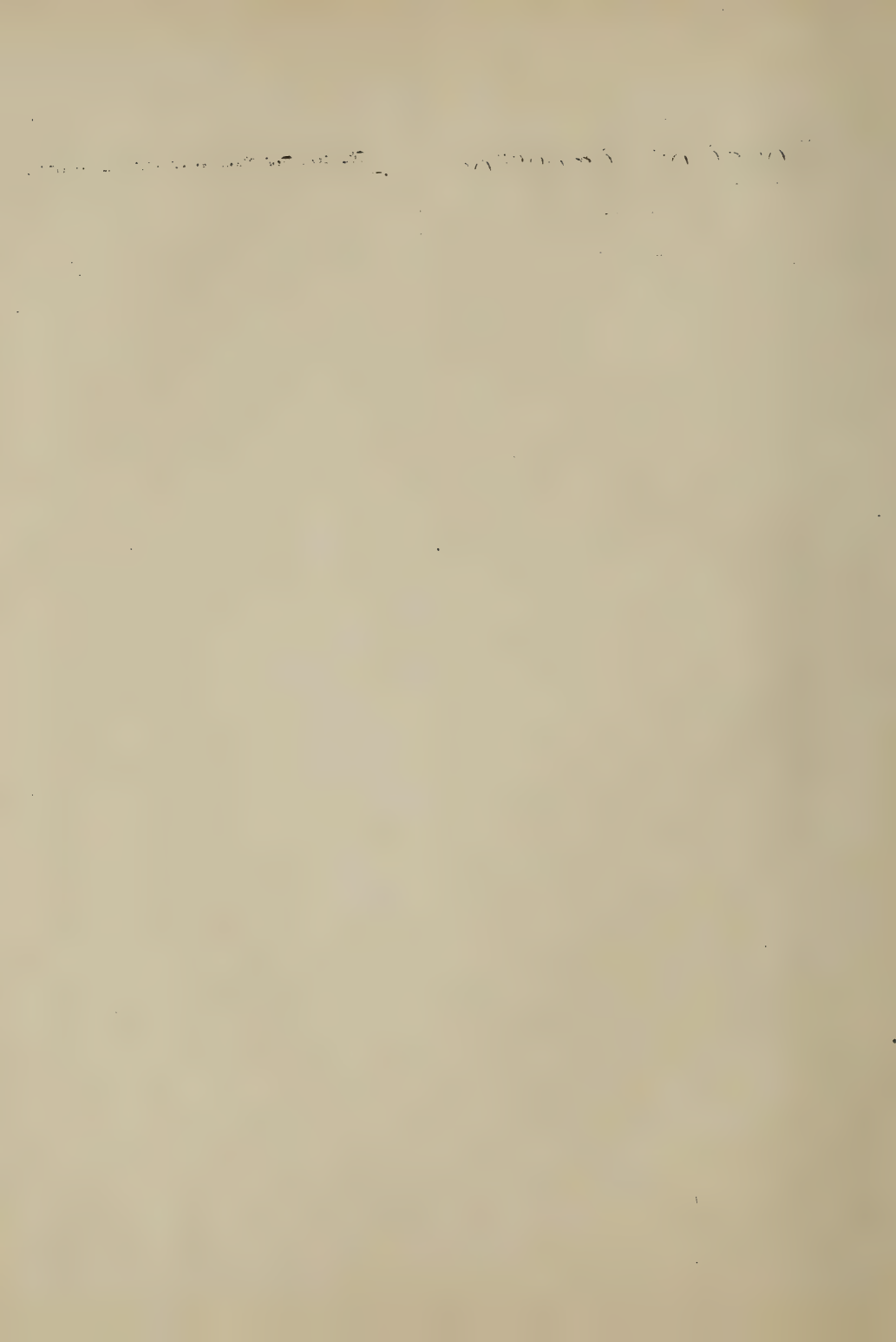
Excused from voting—Mr. Alberts.

Absent—Mr. Gebhardt.

Mr. Alberts, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the members for their consideration, and stated that it would be his endeavor to assist in all things in order to further the desire expressed by the President.

Upon motion, the Board then adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.



Board of Education

Special meeting of the Board of Education, held on Friday evening, February 9, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

The following call, issued by President Lankering, was presented:

Hoboken, N. J., Feb. 8, 1912.

Wm. A. Kerr, Secretary:

Dear Sir—Please call a special meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of the appointment of Standing Committees and the graduation of pupils for the January term.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) GEORGE LANKERING,
President.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

School Government.

Mooney, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Gebhardt.

Supplies.

Laverty, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney.

Repairs.

Marnell, Vezzetti, Lynch, Mooney.

Finance.

Lichtenstein, Alberts, Gebhardt, Vezzetti.

Superintendent Demarest presented the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 31, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—I desire to submit for your consideration the results of the examinations for graduation from the Grammar Schools.

There were 146 contestants, of which number 145 successfully passed and one failed. I would respectfully recommend that those who passed be granted the usual diploma of graduation.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

The report of the Superintendent was referred to the Committee on School Government.

The Superintendent submitted the report of Principal Brandt, of the High School, containing the names and percentages of the pupils in the February classes of the Academic and Commercial Departments, and recommended that they be graduated and the usual diplomas and certificates granted them.

The report was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

The following was presented by the Committee on School Government:

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on School Government, to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent on the results of the examinations of Grammar School pupils for graduation, would report that we have carefully examined the same, together with the percentage submitted, and recommend that the pupils named therein, who have acquired the necessary percentages, be graduated and the usual diplomas granted them.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) RICHARD MOONEY,
JAMES P. LAVERTY,
GEO. GEBHARDT,
Committee.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and its recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

The following are the names of the graduates from the Grammar Schools:

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Flora Adelmann,	Harry Hagen,
Theresa M. Geetlein,	Harry H. Price,
Gertrude H. Jack,	Julia A. Budy,
Myrtle Rice,	Anna M. Goodall,
August C. Biehler,	Louise M. Johnston,
Frederic C. Droste,	Isadore Brivic,
Harry Pervero,	Frederic J. Gerlelt,
Catherine Atlakson,	Herbert H. Schmidt,
Magdelene L. Ehlert,	Margaret F. Conrad,
Libbie Siegel,	Tina Haas,
Carrie M. Scognaa-	Daisy Klein,
miglio,	Sigurd Anderson,
William Geiger,	George Dorsey,
William M. Morgen-	Wm. G. Lullmann,
stein,	William Semmig,
Herman Wolowitz,	Edith V. Davy,
Louise M. Bonin,	Florence J. Grube,
Edna J. Edgar,	Florence V. Rathgen,
Bessie Kennan,	Gustav W. Eggerling,
Frances T. Schwenck,	Frederic H. Lullmann,
Arthur Dittmar,	Walter F. Weidner.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Herbert Fritch,	Elsa Schumacher,
Daisy Anderson,	Albert Schranck,
Katherine Hirsch,	Lavinia Housman,
Florence Korbach,	Gladys Kirkpatrick,
Frances Stockfleth,	Isabel Parpart,
Ellsworth Price,	Amanda Schultz,

Thelma Bang, Josephine Schwartz,
Irene Kuncken, walden.
Florence Knight,

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Charles Brandenburg, Estelle Raggio,
William Haines, Lillie Siegel,
Walter Newburg, Marie Spilane,
Martha Baxter, Thomas Gunderson,
Mildred Neumark, Fred. Moller,
Wilma Schlegel, George Seicke,
Mary Spencer, Elizabeth Mathil,
Emil Einarsen, Frieda Schroeder,
Herbert Kaelin, Ella Smith,
Oliver Olsen, Christina Thomsen.
Loretta Brunck.

SCHOOL NO. 6.

Howard Heffernan, Anna Knapp,
George Miller, Gertrude Reid,
Carl Thomas, Sabina Tokarski,
Dorothy Cross, Elsie Weber,
Flora Kimble, George Louys,
Dorothy Priemer, Archie Smith,
Celia Tammen, Carrie Cohen,
Henrietta Van Twisk, Florence Horwood,
Adolph Lankering, Marion Luehs,
Frank Murray, Margaret Renner,
Mildred Bradford, Elmira Van Keuren,
Wilma Deitering.

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Edward Marvinney, Charles Iadiano,
Benjamin Pawlik, Pauline Kayser,
Selma Olsen, Walter Mooney,
John Francke, Arthur Bucher,
Harry Thomson, William Borchers,
John Lambaise, Alice Luetzow,
Anna Tauz, George Henningsen,
Dennis Calabro, Frank Peterson,
Fred. De Sapio, Norman Kraft,
Emil Brunken.

SCHOOL NO. 9.

Benjamin Cowan, Anna Krausser,
Louise A. Deile, Anna Poggi,
Celia M. Gray, Albert Wagner,
Lydia Henry, Henry Werther,
Arthur Keller, Anna Wolff,
Anna Moran, Andrew J. Deile,
Irving Silon, Rebecca Goldsmith,
Maurice Weisman, Vincent Hagerity,
Gertrude Woelfel, William Kacin,
Florence Crane, Leah Leed,
Cornelius Foley, Mildred Seville,
Samuel Cross, Harry Wehrenberg,
May Hochheiser, Hattie Wobst.

Presented by the Committee on School Government:

Your Committee on School Government, to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent on the graduation of the pupils in the Commercial and Academic Classes of the High School, would report that we have carefully examined the same, together with the

percentage submitted, and would recommend that the following be graduated and the usual diplomas and certificates given:

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

Hazel Davies, Howard Blair,
Marjorie Livingston, Philip Daab,
Mary V. Malloy, Ethel Sweetman,
Ella Schmidt, Joseph Greenberg,
Edna Slote, Samuel Hartzel,
John Dougherty, Laura Mager,
Helen Talbot, Walter Lorence,
John Barnes, August Schlein.
Arthur Belloff.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Johanna Borgstedt, Minerva Una,
Winifred Brien, Andrew Durr,
Fannie Levenson, Maurice Feinberg,
Johanna Quilter, Thomas Quilter,
Grace Remy, Albert Simon,
Elsie Rosenbaum, Anna Boehrer,
Martha Steidl.

We would further recommend that Edward Tackella and Henry Van Kampen be conditioned in the subject of German for a period of one month, and that if successful in an examination at the end of that time, they be graduated and their names added to the list of the above named pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

RICHARD MOONEY,
JAMES P. LAVERTY,
GEO. GEBHARDT,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and its recommendation approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

The following was presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That Messrs. Alberts and Marnell be and they are hereby appointed as members of the Board of School Estimate for the School District of Hoboken, representing the Board of Education of said District.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lynch, Laverty, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Excused from voting—Messrs. Alberts and Marnell.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

By the Committee on School Government:

Resolved, That all necessary arrangements in connection with the graduating exercises be referred to and made by the Committee on School Government, with full power.

Adopted by the following vote:

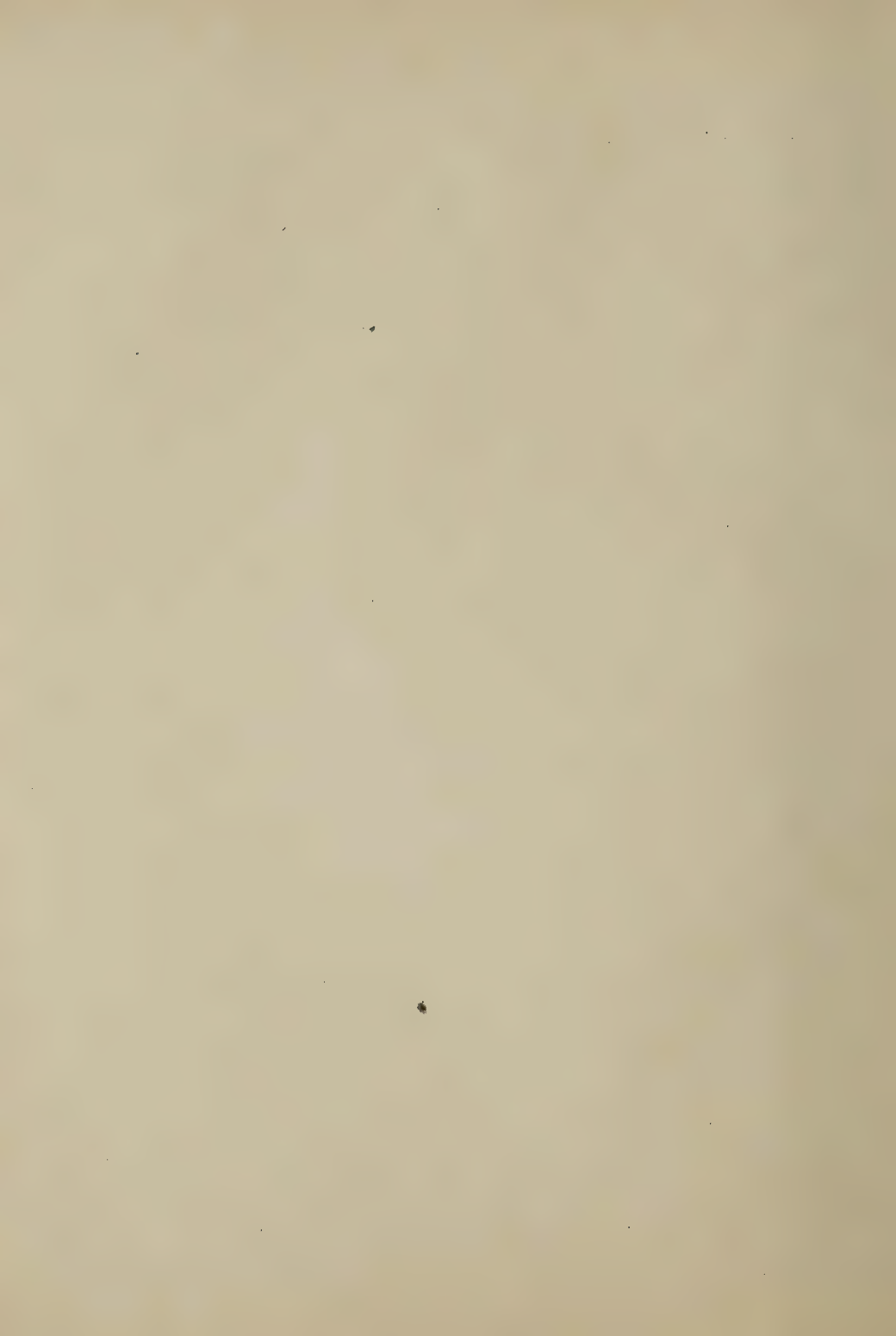
Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch,
Lavery, Mooney, Marnell, Vezzetti and Presi-
dent Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.



Board of Education

Stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, February 19, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

The reading of the minutes of the session for organization, held on February 1, and the minutes of the special session held on February 9, 1912, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

The reports of the Superintendent for the months of January and February, 1912, as to the deductions in the pay roll for December, 1911, and January, 1912; the attendance at the Industrial Schools; that of tardiness, Medical Inspection and of the Nurse, were presented and placed on file.

The Superintendent's report of the attendance in the public schools, showing in December, 1911, an enrollment of 9,187, with an average attendance of 7,973, and for January, 1912, an enrollment of 9,146, with an average attendance of 8,055, was presented and placed on file.

Superintendent Demarest submitted a report of the Committee from the City Board of Examiners on their observation of the teaching and discipline of Mr. Joseph Selden, the candidate having received the highest average in the competitive examination, held on December 19 and 20, 1911, the Committee being authorized to visit the Prospect Heights School in Brooklyn, N. Y., for this purpose. In view of his successful teaching and his standing in the examination, the Committee recommended that Mr. Selden be appointed to the vacancy in the Latin Department in the High School.

The report was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Superintendent Demarest reported that the Misses Florence E. Rogers, Sophia M. Seufert and Frances A. Stuart had completed the prescribed course at the State Normal School at Montclair, and recommended that their names be placed on the authorized list of mistresses in the order of their standing at graduation.

The report was referred to the Committee on School Government, and upon their approval the recommendation of the Superintendent was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest reported that under date of January 15, President Taylor instructed the City Board of Examiners to

hold a competitive examination to fill a vacancy in the Mathematical Department of the High School, and that such examination had been held on January 29 and 30, 1912. A more detailed report would be presented in the near future.

The report was placed on file.

The Superintendent reported that he had assigned the following teachers, who had been appointed on December 27, 1911, to the following schools, viz.:

Miss Helen Gulsto, to School No. 8.

Miss Helen Gonzales, to School No. 5.

Miss A. Tschinkel, to School No. 8.

The action of the Superintendent was approved by a *viva voce* vote.

The assignment of Mr. C. B. Hermans to the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. J. P. Maloney, was reported by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

Superintendent Demarest submitted the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Feb. 8, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—I beg leave to report that the schools were closed in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 7, 1912, out of respect to the memory of the late Edward Russ, and that the teachers and pupils and principals of the several schools were invited to be present at the memorial service held in the High School Auditorium at half-past two o'clock on the above named day.

Respectfully,
(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

The communication was placed on file.

Frederick Kaufmann, Auditor of School Accounts, reported that he was compelled to return five orders drawn on the bond issue for the equipment of the High School, for the reason that the moneys from the sale of the \$40,000 bond issue were not yet in hand.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Haddon Ivins, of the "New Inquirer," in a communication stated that His Honor Mayor Cooke, the Board of Trade and the Inquirer desired to offer prizes to the school children of Hoboken, and requested the privilege of distributing circulars among the several schools, explaining the object.

The request was granted, under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Miss K. Funcheon asked that her leave of absence be extended to September 1, 1912, and on motion her request was granted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

A request from the Robert L. Stevens Fund, authorizing the Secretary to supply them with a list of the teachers and employees of the Board of Education, together with salaries paid, was presented and referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. Ira Sheppard presented his resignation, under date of January 16, 1912, to take effect February 1, 1912, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. J. Brognard Betts, Assistant Commissioner of Education of the State Department, notified the Board that Mr. Ira Sheppard had presented a petition to him that he had only been paid five-twelfths of his annual salary, while he claimed that he was entitled to six-twelfths, and he had informed the State Department that the Board of Education had refused to pay the amount claimed by him. Mr. Betts desired that the Secretary forward to him a statement of the facts as he (the Secretary) understands them.

Secretary Kerr reported that he had done as requested by the Assistant Commissioner.

Miss Hazel Gallagher presented an application for a position as teacher in the public schools of our city.

The request was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. E. F. Brandes, a former teacher in the German Department, in a communication, asked to be reinstated.

The request was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Corporation Attorney John J. Fallon informed the Board that he had been served with a writ of certiorari, allowed by Justice Swayze, of the Supreme Court, in the matter of Joseph Waddington, prosecutor, vs. The Board of Education et als., the Board of School Estimate and the Mayor and Council. The purpose is to carry to the Supreme Court for review certain resolutions passed by the Board of Education on December 27, 1911, awarding to Robert J. Rath the contract for carpenter work; to James A. Marnell, the contract for plumbing and gasfitting, and to De Riso Bros., Inc., for the mason work for the erection of a new school building in the City of Hoboken, N. J., to be known as School No. 1, and of the contracts executed in pursuance thereof. The writ is returnable February 12, and will be argued February 20, 1912.

The communication was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

De Riso Brothers, Inc., served formal notice on the Board that work under the contract entered into between the Board of Education and De Riso Bros., Inc., had been stopped because a writ of certiorari had been issued by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

They begged to inform the Board that they would require an extension of time within which said work under the contract should be completed.

The notice of De Riso Bros., Inc., was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Herbert N. Morse, of the State Department, acknowledged receipt of the agreements for work to be done at and on Public School No. 1.

County Superintendent M. H. Kinsley notified the Board that he had drawn on the County Collector in favor of the Custodian of School Moneys in the sum of \$158,865.67, and the Custodian of School moneys acknowledged the receipt of the amount specified by the County Superintendent.

The notices were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary submitted a receipt from the Custodian for \$76.12, being a refund of unearned premiums of insurance on the demolished building known as School No. 1.

Superintendent Demarest submitted a report of the attendance in the evening school from January 2d to the 19th inst.; also a copy of an order from President Taylor, under date of January 30, 1912, directing the Superintendent to drop teachers and readjust the classes, and that in pursuance of said instructions he had dropped the Misses Murphy, Van Keuren, Smith, O'Rafferty and McCullagh; also Mr. Taistra.

The action of the Superintendent was approved.

Superintendent Demarest reported that the Misses S. M. Ingleson and Angelina Koch had served their year of probation, and had been reported by their principals as being satisfactory in discipline and instruction. He recommended that they be appointed as permanent teachers.

On motion the recommendation of the Superintendent was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vezetti and President Lankering.

Miss Minnie Birch made application for the position of sewing teacher, and her application was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Applications were received from D. Appleton & Co., to place their "Cyclopedia" on the list, and from Lothrop, Lee and Sheppard to place "Among Flowers and Trees with the Poets" on the list.

The applications were referred to the Committee on School Government.

The Alumni Association of the Hoboken High School asked for permission to use the

Auditorium of the High School for the purpose of holding meetings four times this year, and on motion the request was granted, with the understanding that the dates would be arranged through the Superintendent.

Business Manager Clayton submitted a report of the expenditures, itemized as to schools, for coal and wood, supplies, janitors' supplies, repairs, furniture and dental supplies, showing a total expenditure in the separate funds of \$1,217.57 for janitors' supplies; \$16,466.45 for repairs; \$887.10 for furniture; \$568.09 for dental supplies; \$9,591.51 for coal and wood.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Business Manager Clayton submitted his report of the repairs which had been completed since his report of December 18, 1911; also that the contractors for the mason work on School No. 1 began to excavate on the site of the old building on January 22, but had ceased work on February 2, by reason of the writ of certiorari.

On January 4, 1912, Mr. Clayton had communicated with E. Ciccarelli, Architect for the new school, asking him to forward a complete set of plans and specifications for use in the office of the Business Manager, but that no notice had been taken of his request.

Mr. Clayton called the attention of the Board that he had issued and approved of certificates for labor, materials, equipment and apparatus supplies for the erection and completion of the High School building, the sum total being \$274,549.72.

The Business Manager recommended that a certificate be ordered drawn in the sum of \$14,094.06, being the amount paid from the general fund for the completion of the High School, so this amount might be drawn from the bond issue to reimburse the general fund.

The report of the Business Manager was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Claims aggregating in amount the sum of \$9,047.26, were reported by the Secretary as being in his hands awaiting audit and payment, and they were referred to the various Committees.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

Requisition for text books were submitted by the Superintendent and referred to the Committee on School Government, who recommended that the same be ordered by the Secretary, and the recommendation was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch,

Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to close the regular evening school on February 20, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to close the evening High School on Thursday, February 29, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Lichtenstein:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to draw orders on the Custodian of School Moneys from time to time as may be required for the transportation of pupils entered in the Montclair Normal School graduates from Hoboken, the number of whom for the February term being 31; the number for the September term to be ascertained after September 1, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Lichtenstein:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of February, 1912, be and the same is hereby ordered paid and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That Superintendent Demarest be and he is hereby delegated to attend the convention of School Superintendents of the United States, to be held at St. Louis, Mo., on February 26, 27, 28, 29, 1912; and be it further

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in the sum of eighty-five dollars to meet the expense to be incurred by this journey.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lynch, Lichtenstein, Laverty, Mooney, Marnell, Vez-zetti and President Lankering.

On motion of Mr. Alberts the Board adjourned to meet on Monday evening, March 4, 1912.

.. WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, March 4, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Absent—None.

Superintendent Demarest submitted an exhaustive and interesting report of the proceedings of the Convention of Superintendents of the United States, held at St. Louis, Mo., presenting many suggestions from eminent educators and many from himself, which he would later formulate and submit for the approval and adoption of the Board.

Superintendent Demarest presented, on behalf of the Teachers' Mutual Aid Association, a request for the use of the auditorium and gymnasium of the High School on Friday, April 19, 1912.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on School Government, the request was granted.

Applications to place text books on the authorized list were presented from Ginn & Co., "Stephenson's An Inland Journey," &c., and from B. H. Sanborn & Co., "Stone-Millis Arithmetic," and placed on file.

Principal Brandt, of the High School, reported, through Superintendent Demarest, the occurrence of an accident to William Langden, a pupil in said school. The exercise from which the accident resulted was of the boy's own volition.

The following communication was presented by President Lankering, which had been received by him in answer to inquiries made, viz.:

Office of Corporation Attorney,
Hoboken, N. J., March 4, 1912.

Hon. Geo. Lankering, President, Board of Education, Hoboken, N. J.:

Dear Sir—With reference to the matters discussed with me to-day relative to claims presented against the Board of Education for supplies, equipment, repairs, etc., I advise that it is the duty of your Board to make payment thereof, if you find that the claims are proper charges and you have the moneys available therefor.

You mentioned to me that the former school board withdrew or transferred from the general fund, for the purpose of making payments on account of the High School building, the sum of \$14,248.58, and also that it withdrew or transferred from the general fund the sum of \$5,000, which was paid to Mr. Ciccarelli, architect, on account of School No. 1. Said moneys should have been paid from the bond issue applicable to

each of said schools. Inasmuch as the moneys were taken from the general fund, your Board should pass a resolution transferring such moneys from the High School bond account and the Public School No. 1 account to the general fund, to reimburse said general fund for the moneys withdrawn or transferred therefrom aforesaid.

Respectfully,
JNO. J. FALLON,
Corporation Attorney.

The communication was ordered in full on the minutes.

A recess was declared and upon reassembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Mr. Fred. Buete made application to have his son, William, placed in the Class for the Blind, established by the Board of Education of Jersey City, N. J., he understanding that arrangements had been made with the Hoboken Board to have residents of Hoboken privileged to avail themselves of this opportunity.

The application was referred to the Committee on School Government, who submitted the following:

Whereas, A class has been established by the Board of Education of Jersey City, N. J., for the blind, which class is open for pupils from the adjacent districts; and

Whereas, Mr. Fred. Buete has made application to have his son, William Buete, given permission to attend said class for the blind, he being a resident of Hoboken, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken place said William Buete in said class and that the tuition fee of one hundred dollars for one year be paid by this Board, in semi-annual payment.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Messrs. Laverty and Gebhardt:

Resolved, That the name of Miss Hazel Gallagher be and is hereby placed on the waiting list of montresses, she having been reported by Superintendent Demarest as having completed the prescribed course at the State Normal School at Montclair.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nay—Mr. Mooney.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, On December 4, 1911, an order

was drawn in favor of Eugene Ciccarelli in the sum of five thousand dollars, on account of fees for the drawing of plans and specifications for School No. 1, and the same was drawn and presented to the Auditor of School Accounts and by him referred to the Corporation Attorney for advice, and countersigned by the Auditor upon the advice of the Corporation Attorney; and

Whereas, The order was presented to and honored by the Custodian of School Moneys out of the moneys of the General Fund, said fund to be reimbursed from the bond issue for the erection and completion of School No. 1, therefore be it

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the bond issue for the erection and completion of School No. 1 in the sum of five thousand dollars and placed by the Custodian of School Money to the account of the Board of Education.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, From the financial records of the Secretary and the statement of the Business Manager, it appears that disbursements have been made and ordered, and the same have been paid from the General Fund, for the equipment of the High School building, which are chargeable to and were indicated in the estimate submitted for the forty thousand dollar bond issue, the amount of which expenditure is \$14,243.58; and

Whereas, This expenditure has depleted the General Fund to this amount, therefore be it

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the bond issue for the erection and equipment of the High School building in the sum of fourteen thousand two hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$14,243.58) and when secured, deposited by the Custodian of School Moneys to the general account of the

Board of Education for the purpose of reimbursing said account.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

From the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Custodian of School Moneys be and he is hereby directed to take up the following notes held by the Hudson Trust Company, viz.:

July 18, 1911.....	\$55,000 00
Oct. 27, 1911.....	30,000 00
November 25, 1911.....	35,987 34

and be it further

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders for the face value of said notes, together with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, when the amount of interest is computed.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on School Government, the following applicants for permission to leave school, whose applications had been presented to said Committee, were given the required permission, viz.: Daniel Dougherty, August Voightlander, Alfred Politte, Frank Subers, Jr., Charles Voght, Herbert Heck, Harry Ginsburg, Chas. Wortman, Olga Hagevik, Thomas Lykes, Carl Thomas, Henry Carlsen, Mary D. Aquillo, Teresa Dondero, Elizabeth Jaycox, Ella Bremerstadt, Emma Vallino, Minnie Kittman, William Bigley, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

The Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, March 18, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

The minutes of the stated session of February 19, and the adjourned stated session of March 4, 1912, were submitted and on motion approved as printed.

Superintendent Demarest presented his monthly reports, viz.: Deductions in the pay roll for the month of February; the attendance at the Industrial School; Medical Inspectors, Dental, Nurses and that of tardiness, and they were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted his report of the attendance in the Public Schools, showing an enrollment, February 29, of 9,143, with an average attendance of 8,264. This report was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A notice from the Supreme Court, showing that the suit of Joseph Waddington, in the matter of contracts on School No. 1, was withdrawn, was reported by the Secretary.

Miss Kate Roche, a teacher in School No. 1, presented her resignation, to take effect April 1, 1912, which, on motion, was accepted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Miss T. Rabold asked to be appointed a teacher in the Summer School for 1912, and Mr. B. H. Duffhues presented an application for a position as a teacher of stenography. Both applications were referred to the Committee on School Government.

The President of the Citizens' Union asked for the various items that might be placed in the budget for the ensuing year, and the matter was placed in the hands of the Secretary.

An application to place text books on the authorized list was received from Henry Holt & Co., and referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. E. F. Brandes petitioned the Board to reinstate him as a teacher, and his communication was referred to the Committee on School Government, who instructed the Secretary to answer and inform Mr. Brandes that there was no vacancy and that action on his petition would be indefinitely postponed.

Business Manager Clayton submitted a report of the repairs done since his report in February, which was referred to the Com-

mittee on Repairs.

The following communication was presented by President George Lankering and read:

Hoboken, N. J., March 18, 1912.

To the Honorable Board of Education:

Gentlemen—When, on February 1st, your Board organized and assumed the management of the Educational Department, the awarding by the former Board of the contracts for the erection of another building substituting the old structure known as School No. 1, was on review before Judge Swayze, of the Supreme Court, in certiorari proceedings started by Joseph Waddington as a taxpayer of Hoboken, on the charge that the appropriation had been exceeded.

Under the circumstances your Board could do nothing but await developments in the matter.

A few days ago I was informed by the Clerk of the Board that he had officially been notified of the withdrawal of the application for the writ and subsequent discontinuance of the proceedings.

As the matter has now reached a stage where it will have to be considered by this Board, I at once started to acquaint myself with the particulars of the case, which appear to be as follows:

On February 27, 1911, the Board of Education, by resolution, fixed the amount necessary for the erection and equipment of a school house to take the place of old School No. 1 at \$150,000, which was approved by the Board of Estimate.

In November, 1911, the Board advertised for bids on mason and carpenter work and received, on December 4, 1911, the following proposals:

W. H. & F. W. Cane, for carpenter and mason work.....	\$146,997 00
John Egan, for carpenter and mason work	172,044 00
James Whalen, for mason work	146,200 00
James Whalen, for carpenter work	18,800 00
Robert J. Rath, for carpenter work	18,834 00
De Rio Bros., for mason work	136,970 00

At the same meeting the Board rejected these bids and by resolution asked for \$50,000 more as necessary for the erection of the building.

On December 7, 1911, the Board of School Estimate fixed and determined only \$25,000 as necessary for the purpose.

The total appropriation was thereby raised to \$175,000.

On readvertising by the Clerk for proposals on mason work, carpenter work, painting, plumbing, heating, electric lighting, either as

a whole or any part thereof, the following bids were received on December 21, 1911, viz.:

De Riso Bros., for mason work.	\$134,794 00
De Riso Bros., for entire work, excepting heating and ventilating	176,360 00
Robert J. Rath, carpenter work.	18,800 00
P. S. Simmons, painting work..	1,992 00
John Egan, mason work.....	140,000 00
John Egan, carpenter work.....	21,000 00
John Egan, electrical work.....	1,680 00
James A. Marnell, plumbing and gasfitting, vacuum cleaning, tin, copper and roofing.....	19,251 00
The same and divided as follows:	
Plumbing and gasfitting.	\$11,844 00
Tin, copper and roofing.	5,807 00
Vacuum cleaner	1,600 00

Vacuum Apparatus Co.:

Steam, \$1,962; Electric, \$1,677.

Vacuum Engineering Co.:

3-Sweeper, Steam \$1,849; Motor driven \$1,681

6-Sweeper, Steam \$2,788; Motor driven \$2,660

On December 27, 1911, the following contracts were awarded:

De Riso Bros., mason work....	\$134,794 00
Robert J. Rath, carpenter work.	18,800 00
James A. Marnell, plumbing and gasfitting	11,844 00

Notwithstanding the fact that the aforementioned bids only provide for the construction of a part of the building, and the contractor of the mason work was permitted to start excavating, although part of the ground which the building is to cover was not then, and, in fact, is not now owned by the Board of Education.

Taking the total of the aforementioned awarded contracts of

	\$165,438 00
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and adding the amounts, conservatively estimated and necessary to complete the building according to plans and specifications adopted by the Board, viz:

For painting	2,000 00
For roofing	6,000 00
For steam heating.....	18,800 00
For electrical work.....	1,700 00
For boiler house, 30x40.....	7,000 00
For vacuum cleaner.....	1,600 00

\$201,738 00

For architect's fees at 6%..... 12,000 00

The building completed (without making allowance for equipment) would cost about..... \$213,738 00

The result of further investigation seems

to indicate that the apparent high cost of the building could be explained by an enormous waste of material as prescribed in the plans and specifications. On good authority, I may state that a building of the same dimensions as the one contemplated for School No. 1, and of equal substantial construction as the recently erected High School, could be had at a saving of \$30,000 to \$40,000 from the aforementioned cost.

The waste seems mainly caused by the prescription of two reinforced concrete girders, weighing approximately 97 tons each, and two others of 130 tons each, placed under the roof, which enormous load on top of the building required the entire structure underneath to be proportionately stronger than would otherwise be necessary.

Alone the cost of the steel reinforcement in this building would figure to about \$13,000, against \$6,000 in the High School, although the latter is a larger building.

A careful study of the plans reveals also the circumstance that the two accesses to the fire escapes on the second as well as on the third floor, are not direct from the corridor, but in a winding way through other rooms, which might, in case of fire, result in a serious disaster, in view of the fact that there are only two exits from the building, both on Garden street, and none on the more than 100 feet front, as proposed, on Third street.

As I understand that the contractor for the mason work intended to resume the work of excavating, etc., I consulted the Corporation Attorney, and on his advice served all the contractors, viz.:

De Riso Bros., Robert J. Rath and Jas. A. Marnell with a notice as per copy of letter enclosed and herewith submit to your Honorable Body the afore mentioned facts, as they appear to be, for your consideration and further action.

(Signed)

GEO. LANKERING,

President.

The following is the notice served on the several contractors and referred to in the communication of President Lankering:

I am informed that you are contemplating work in regard to the construction of Public School No. 1, situate at Garden and Third streets.

My attention has been called to what appears to be the fact that the former Board of Education, in awarding to you the contract with reference to said public school building, either ignored or disregarded the fact that the amount of the various contracts relating to said work exceeded the amount of moneys appropriated therefor.

I avail myself of this opportunity to ap-

prise you that the action of the former Board of Education has not in anywise been confirmed or countenanced by the present Board, and if you undertake to proceed with said work under the authority of the contract heretofore awarded to you, you may experience difficulty in obtaining payment therefor.

My information is that the amount of the appropriation in all was \$175,000. The aggregate cost of the contracts thus far awarded, including architect's fees, exceed the amount of the appropriation. In addition thereto the contracts thus far awarded are for only a partial completion of the public school building in question.

From estimates submitted to me by the Business Manager of the Board of Education, I am convinced that the entire cost of the construction of Public School No. 1, on the plans and specifications prepared by the architect in charge of the work, would be over \$200,000, without considering the cost of the equipment of the school.

I am writing to you at this time to warn you that if you proceed under the contract awarded to you, your right to payments thereunder would undoubtedly be questioned, if not refused, by the Board of Education. I consider that it would be well, therefore, for you to refrain from undertaking any work under the contract in question until a conference has been held between the Board of Education, the Corporation Attorney, the Architect, yourself, and all other parties in interest.

Respectfully,

(Signed) GEO. LANKERING,

President of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken.

On motion of Mr. Laverty the communication of the President and the notice to contractors was received and ordered spread in full on the minutes of the Board, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

The Committee on Finance presented the following, viz:

Hoboken, N. J., March 18th, 1912.

To the Hon. the oBard of Education.

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Finance which has had under consideration for the purpose of audit the numerous claims on file with the Secretary, would report that the same have been carefully examined, in connection with the amounts appropriated for the several objects of the budget for the maintenance of the schools during the current year, and we have audited and ap-

proved claims amounting in the aggregate the sum of \$8,006.81, coming under the several amounts appropriated, and claims under the bond issue in the sum of \$1,574.10; we have done this because there is sufficient in these separate funds to cover the amount approved.

Claims aggregating the sum of \$6,261.92 have been set aside for the reason that some of the funds represented by said claims would now be overdrawn, and we feel that it would not be proper to approve them.

A number of claims in the last mentioned sum are for purposes not named in the budget appropriation and have heretofore been paid from what is termed the "Miscellaneous Fund."

Being in doubt as to the legality of such a fund, knowing of no law permitting the creation of such a fund and questioning our power to make transfers from it, the Secretary was directed to obtain the opinion and advice of the Corporation Attorney. Awaiting this opinion and desiring to be governed by his advice,

Respectfully,

(Signed) JULIUS LICHTENSTEIN,

Chairman Committee.

The report of the Committee on Finance was ordered spread in full on the minutes.

The opinion of the Corporation Attorney, requested by the Committee on Finance, having been received by the Secretary, was presented and ordered in full on the minutes, as follows:

Office of Corporatoin Attorney,

Hoboken, N. J., March 18th, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken.

Gentlemen—I have before me the letter addressed to me by your Secretary, under date of March 15th inst., wherein it is stated that you request me to advise you as to your right to make payment of certain claims now on file with your Board. I have before me a number of questions submitted to me by Mr. Julius Lichtenstein, a member of your Board. Mr. Geo. Lankering, your President, has also consulted with me with reference to the aforesaid matters. I consider that it would be most advisable for me to take up the questions propounded to me by your Board, through Mr. Lichtenstein and Mr. Lankering, and advise you with respect thereto.

Question 1. Has the Board of Education authority to contract debts in excess of the amounts appropriated by the Board of School Estimate?

Answer. No. I refer you to Section 31 of "An act for the punishment

of crimes" (Revision of 1898), approved June 14th, 1898, wherein it is provided that any Board of Education, or any committee of any such Board, which, or any member thereof, who, shall disburse, order or vote for the disbursement of public moneys in excess of the appropriation to such board or committee, or which board or committee, or any member thereof, who shall incur obligations in excess of the appropriation and limit of expenditure provided by law for the purposes of said board or committee thus disbursing, ordering or voting for the disbursement and expenditure of public moneys or thus incurring obligations in excess of the amount appropriated, and limit of expenditure appropriated and limited by law, shall be jointly and severally guilty of a misdemeanor.

Question 2. Has the Board of Education authority to pay claims for debts contracted in excess of the amounts appropriated by the Board of School Estimate?

Answer. No. See answer to question one and the reference to Section 31 of the crimes act.

Question 3. Has the Board of Education authority to contract debts in excess of any of the funds as appropriated and apportioned in the School Budget?

Answer. No. See answer to question one and the reference to Section 31 of the Crimes act.

Question 4. Has the Board of Education authority to pay claims for debts contracted in excess of any fund as appropriated and apportioned in the school budget?

Answer. No. See answer to question one and reference to Section 31 of the Crimes act.

Question 5. Has the Board of Education authority to transfer, by resolution or otherwise, the whole or any part of the fund, as appropriated and apportioned in the school budget, to another and different fund for use therein?

Answer. No. To permit such transfer would be to permit indirectly a violation of the section of the Crimes act referred to in the answer to question one.

Question 6. Has the Board of Education authority to transfer moneys from the miscellaneous fund (funds for which no separate apportionment has been made in the budget, but which is made up of moneys coming to the possession of the Board from such sources as poll tax, tuition fees, balances of appropriations, &c.), to any other fund, as appropriated and apportioned in the school budget, for the purpose of using such moneys, in the latter fund, for the payment of debts

contracted or to be contracted.

Answer. No. To permit such transfer would be to violate Section 31 of the Crimes act hereinabove mentioned.

Question 7. Has the Board of Education authority to order paid any debts, contracted or to be contracted, out of the "miscellaneous fund" where no money was appropriated for that purpose in the budget?

Answer. No. To permit such payment would be to violate Section 31 of the Crimes act hereinabove mentioned.

Question 8. Has the Board of Education authority to order paid any bills contracted or to be contracted out of the miscellaneous fund where funds are no longer available for that purpose in the budget fund?

Answer. No. To do so would be to violate the provisions of Section 31 of the Crimes act hereinabove mentioned.

Question 9. What course should the Board pursue with reference to debts contracted and bills presented when same exceed the amount of the various funds appropriated and apportioned in the budget?

Answer. The Board should not vote for the payment of any such bills; to do so would be in violation of Section 31 of the Crimes Act hereinbefore mentioned.

I have before me a statement from the Secretary of your Board, who is also Secretary of the Board of School Estimate, showing the amount of appropriation in the school budget for 1911-12, and in my opinion your Board is without authority to exceed such appropriations.

Section 61 of the school laws of 1903 provides "no claim or demand shall be audited or paid unless it shall be authorized by law and the rules of the Board of Education and be fully itemized, nor unless the amount required to be paid the same shall have been theretofore appropriated by said Board.

Section 63 of said act provides "the Secretary shall report monthly to the Board of Education the amounts for which warrants shall have been drawn and the balances to the credit of each account, and shall, at the close of the fiscal year, make a full itemized report of the finances of the school district."

Section 74 of the said act provides "on or before the fifteenth day of May in each year, the Board of Education of such city school district shall prepare and deliver to each member of said Board of School Estimate an itemized statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for the current expenses of repairing and furnishing such schools of such district for the ensuing school year, and also the amount which shall have been apportioned to such district by the County Superintendent."

Section 75 of said act provides "between the fifteenth day of May and the first day of June in each year said Board of School Estimate shall fix and determine the amount of money necessary to be appropriated for the use of such schools in such district for the ensuing school year." Said section further provides that the Common Council shall "appropriate in the same manner as other appropriations are made by it the amount so certified as aforesaid."

From the above it may readily be observed that your Board is without authority to disburse, order or vote for the disbursement of any moneys entrusted to your care in excess of the appropriation specifically provided therefor, and you are prohibited from incurring obligations in excess of said appropriations.

The annual budget for which appropriations are made must not be overdrawn. There is a proviso in the aforesaid Section 31 of the Crimes Act to the effect that nothing therein shall prevent any Board of Education from keeping open the public schools.

This does not license, however, the Board of Education to exceed the appropriations whenever the Board pleases so to do, but relates only to cases of emergency, such as an unforeseen occurrence or condition.

It will be observed that Section 75 of the School Law, hereinabove referred to, specifically provides that the Common Council shall appropriate the amount of money fixed and determined by the Board of School Estimate as necessary to be appropriated are made by it, and a reference to the ordinance to provide for the assessment and collection of the annual tax, as passed by the Common Council, itemizes the appropriations for your Board in the same manner as other appropriations are itemized by the Council in said ordinance.

I note that your Board maintains what is called "miscellaneous fund." I am not aware of any provision of the law which authorizes the maintenance of such a fund by your Board, and the maintenance thereof appears to me to be entirely unwarranted and illegal. From the data now before me for my consideration the said fund appears to me to be a sort of "grab bag" fund which has been resorted to and utilized by the previous Board of Education as a means of evading the strict letter of the law with reference to exceeding appropriations.

Respectfully,

(Signed) JNO. J. FALLON,
Corporation Attorney.

From the Committee of the Whole, signed by seven members:

Hoboken, N. J., March 18, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the communication and statement of President George Lankering, in reference to the award of contracts for mason work, carpenter work, plumbing and gas-fitting, in connection with the erection of a building to take the place of School No. 1, would report that we have considered carefully the facts presented and would recommend that a copy of the same, together with the notice served on the contractors, be submitted to the Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey for his consideration and opinion. Early consideration will be very much appreciated.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and its recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Secretary Kerr reported the transfer from the bond issue of the High School of the sum of \$14,243.58, and from the bond issue for Public School No. 1 to the General Fund, in accordance with resolution passed by the Board on March 4, 1912; also that the Custodian of School Moneys had taken up three notes aggregating the sum of \$120,987.23, together with interest thereon amounting to \$2,871.88.

The report of the Secretary was received and placed on file.

A recess was declared, and upon reassembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

The following claims were reported correct by the various Committees:

Water Commissioners, water to February	\$708 35
M. Aaronsberg, insurance, No. 6	60 00
C. A. Burhorn, insurance	104 00
Philip Daab, insurance No. 6	96 00
A. S. Schiller, insurance, Nos. 4 and 6	103 25
Ivins Publishing Co., printing annual report	253 68
Hudson Observer, printing blanks, Superintendent	12 00
Henry W. Grote, clock contract, to March 31	87 50
W. D. Bindewald, janitors' supplies	45 00
F. J. Ross, janitors' supplies	7 06
W. D. Bindewald, janitors' supplies	216 00
Geismar-Meyer Co., janitors' supplies	8 10
Elizabeth Meyer, supplies, Manual Training	18 05
Kolesch & Co., supplies, Manual Training	14 66
N. H. Peters, supplies, Manual Train-	

ing	36 77
C. Muzzi & Co., supplies, Manual Training	178 91
C. Muzzi & Co., supplies, Manual Training	219 18
Lawson & MacMurray, supplies, Manual Training	227 01
Public Service Corporation, electric light and power, January and February	928 79
Public Service Corporation, gas, January and February	77 60
New York Telephone Co., contract, January, February and March	159 19
W. T. Littig & Co., High School supplies	5 00
R. Kirchgessner, decorations, High School	50 00
MacMillan Co., supplies, High School	17 73
American Book Co., supplies, High School	17 04
I. Pittman's Sons, supplies, High School	87 34
H. M. Rowe Company, supplies, High School	8 25
Allyn & Bacon, supplies, High School	53 30
H. Holt & Co., supplies, High School	153 00
T. F. Callahan, supplies, High School	73 00
Sibley & Co., supplies, High School	28 45
E. D. Vanderbilt, supplies, High School	6 75
W. S. Ellis, supplies, High School	1 70
Joseph F. Brandt, supplies, High School	13 95
E. E. Marlatt, diplomas, High School	29 40
J. H. Dittmar, supplies to office	63 15
E. Steiger & Co., Kinderkarten	26 92
P. P. Simmons, books to No. 6	39 23
A. B. Dick Co., supplies, Superintendent	8 93
C. Sower Company, books	51 60
B. H. Sanborn & Co., books	59 76
C. E. Merrill & Co., books	163 02
Globe Book Co., books	7 11
American Book Co., books	690 05
D. C. Heath & Co., books	99 68
Thompson, Brown & Co., books	2 80
Silver, Burdette & Co., books	63 53
Rand, McNally & Co., books	176 32
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	2 16
Ginn & Company, books	314 36
Revere Rubber Co., supplies	7 03
A. S. Barnes & Co., books	76 45
Chas. Dills, supplies	35 50
Hinds, Noble & Eldredge, books	60 00
Kolesch & Co., drawing	4 08
Geo. Hoffmann, medical supplies	11 30
W. D. Blindewald, supplies, contract	79 34
E. J. Kerr, supplies, contract	479 22
S. Cross, repairs, No. 6	4 00
W. W. Hammell, repairs	68 81
A. T. Pflugh, repairs, No. 3	5 50
Wm. Meyer, repairs, No. 8	49 00

Consolidated Iron Works, repairs, Nos. 2 and 4	77 90
Alex. McCabe, repairs, Nos. 3, 6 and 9	53 95
John F. Leddy, repairs, Nos. 4 and 8	183 54
Geo. Coppers & Co., repairs, Nos. 4, 5, 7 and 8	425 51
Geo. Coppers & Co., repairs, Nos. 7, 8 and High School	79 57
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs, Nos. 3, 4, 9 and High School	51 48
Robert J. Rath, repairs, Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8	156 76
Fagan Iron Works, repairs, No. 7 and High School	26 80
Chas. S. Whan, concrete floor, No. 8	294 00
Robert J. Rath, repairs, High School	110 53
Singer Sewing Machine Co., machines High School	138 24
Chas. Weber, work at High School	11 20
Geo. Foelt's Sons, work at High School	142 00
D. R. Douglass & Co., work at High School	66 85
Frank Cordts Furniture Co., furniture, High School	198 05
Tietje & Christ, sewing machines, etc	152 45
Elmer & Amend, chemical supplies, contract	744 73

On motion, the reports of the various Committees were received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzett and President Lankerlag.

Business Manager A. W. Clayton submitted certificates for equipment and work done at and in the High School building, on the bond issue, as follows:

Spalding Bros., equipping gymnasium (\$1,593 and \$35)	\$1,628 00
Chas. S. Whan, sidewalk	8 75
Jas. A. Marnell, fixtures	50 83
Frank Cordts Furniture Co., furniture	46 50
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., chemical and physics apparatus	143 75
Crown Metal Construction Co., cabinets, steel	790 00

These certificates were referred to the Committee on Supplies.

The following named pupils were, on the recommendation of the Committee on School Government, given permission to leave school, under the statute, viz.: Hans Richter, Helen Osterndorf, James Comaro, Isabella Wolff, Edwin Schrank, Abraham Greenberg, John Franks, Tony Falco, Rossa Chirichella, Giardano Casimato, Patrick Lang, Nicolo Montarulo, Agnes Sullivan, Gertrude Henning, Francis Olsen and Frank Degaito, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Mr. Lichtenstein presented the following:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of March, 1912, be and the same is hereby ordered paid, subject to deduction by the Committee on School Government, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the schools be closed for the Spring vacation on the 4th, 5th and 8th of April, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, Under date of March 18, 1912, it was ordered by the Court of Chancery, that the offer of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, N. J., made to Abel R. Corbin, Receiver, of settlement of the claim of the Columet Construction Company against the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, N. J., for the sum of twelve thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$12,750), be accepted and payment of said sum be made to Abel R. Corbin, Receiver, upon which payment the said Receiver would make and execute and deliver to the said Board of Education a release and discharge of said claim; and

Whereas, At an adjourned session of the Board of Education, held on April 3, 1911, the order of the Court of Chancery was received and a statement prepared for presentation to the Board of School Estimate, setting forth the facts in the matter; and

Whereas, On April 3, 1911, the Board of School Estimate met and considered the state-

ment presented by the Board of Education, and did fix and determine that the sum of \$12,750 was necessary for the purpose named in said statement, and certified to the Mayor and Council their action, and requested that the amount so certified be secured by the issue of bonds to be designated "School Bonds;" and

Whereas, The moneys from said bond issue are now available, therefore be it

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the said bond issue in favor of Abel R. Corbin, Receiver of the Calumet Construction Company, in the sum of \$12,750, and that the Custodian of School Moneys be directed to secure said release from the Receiver.

Following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

From the Committee on Finance:

Hoboken, N. J., March 18, 1912.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the certificates submitted by A. W. Clayton, Business Manager, for equipment and work done at and in the High School building, under the bond issue, would report that we have carefully examined the same and find them according to the several contracts and that the work has been done and equipment furnished, and we would recommend that the same be ordered paid and that orders be drawn on the bond issue for the High School in payment of the same.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

On motion of Mr. Marnell, it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, April 1, 1912.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, April 1, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Absent—Messrs. Lichtenstein and Vezzetti.

Superintendent Demarest submitted the following:

Hoboken, March 29, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Subject to your approval, I have this day transferred Miss Nora Barry from School No. 8 to School No. 1, to take charge of the class formerly taught by Miss Roche; said transfer to take effect April 1, 1912.

(Signed)

A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

On motion the communication was received and the action of the Superintendent approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Lichtenstein and Vezzetti.
Mr. Vezzetti appeared and was recorded present.

County Superintendent Kinsley notified the Board that Calvin H. Kendall, Secretary of the State Board of Education, had requested him to notify all Boards of Education that all contracts must be filed with the State Board of Education.

The notice was placed on file.

Calvin H. Kendall, in a letter, acknowledged receipt of the communications from the Secretary, inclosing the letter from the President in reference to his action in connection with the contracts awarded for the erection of School No. 1, and his notice to the contractors; also the communication of the Secretary in reference to the action of the Committee on Finance in the matter of exceeding the amounts fixed in the budget, together with the opinion of the Corporation Attorney. He also stated that the matters would be placed in the hands of the Assistant Commissioner upon his recovery from illness.

The communication was placed on file.

Mrs. Dottermusch asked, in behalf of a number of teachers, permission to use the swimming pool in the High School. Upon recommendation of the Committee on School

Government the request was granted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

Miss Agnes Vaughan made application for a position as teacher, and Mr. Frank Klein asked to be considered in connection with the appointment of a Latin teacher in the High School.

Referred to the Committee on School Government.

Dr. George Scholz, in a communication, offered to provide glasses to pupils with defective vision, free of cost, provided a card was signed by the teacher, to be used for identification.

Referred to the Committee on School Government.

The Underwood Typewriter Co. offered to exchange two typewriters at a cost of \$45, and the offer was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Funk & Wagnalls made application to place text books on the authorized list, which was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in favor of P. Leipziger, Supervisor of Lectures, New York City, in the sum of two hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$255), in payment of the lectures delivered in the course of 1911-1912, during the months of January, February and March, 1912; to be charged to the appointments.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That after June 30, 1912, all pupils who are entered or who will enter the State Normal School at Montclair, and for whom transportation is or will be payable by the Board of Education of the District of

Hoboken, are required to graduate within the prescribed course of two and one-half years, at which time free transportation will end.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Lichtenstein.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,

Secretary.

Board of Education

Stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, April 15th, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

The reading of the minutes of the stated session of March 18th, and the adjourned stated session of April 1st, 1912, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

Superintendent Demarest submitted reports of the deductions in the pay roll for the month of March; the attendance at the Industrial School, tardiness, Medical Inspectors and Nurse, and they were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted his monthly Schools, showing an enrollment of 9,149, with an average attendance of 8,084, for the month of March, 1912. The report was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Miss Elizabeth Downer asked for a leave of absence to May 1st, 1912, and upon recommendation of the Committee on School Government her request was granted, without pay, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

The Joint Memorial Committee of the G. A. R. made request to have the pupils of the various schools donate plants and flowers to decorate the graves of dead soldiers on Decoration Day. The request was referred to the Committee on School Government and, upon its recommendation, granted.

Miss Lottie Sehlank made application for the position as teacher in the Summer School, and her application was placed on file.

Miss Marguerite Morris, of Sterling, N. J., made application for the position as teacher in the elementary schools, which application was placed on file.

A. S. Barnes and Company made application to have text books placed on the authorized list, and the application was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Business Manager Clayton submitted his monthly report of the repairs completed since March 18th, 1912. The report was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Rev. Henry T. Beatty, in a communication to President Lankering, desired to have Harold S. Beatty considered as an applicant for a position as teacher in the High School.

The Secretary was directed to make answer in behalf of the Committee on School Government.

Superintendent Demarest presented a communication from Principal Brandt, of the High School, in which he asked that the Board consider the necessity of appointing a teacher in English, as it was absolutely impossible to provide instruction for the pupils who would enter in September without an additional teacher. The matter was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A recess was declared and, upon reassembling, the following were

Present—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

The Committee on School Government, to whom had been referred the application of A. S. Barnes & Co., to place books on the list, recommended that the "High School Assembly Song Book" and the "New Writing Book" be placed on the authorized list of text books, and the recommendation was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

Presented by the Committee on School Government:

Resolved, That the name of Miss Margaret Krause be and is hereby placed on the waiting list of monitresses.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of April be and is hereby ordered paid, subject to deduction by the Committee on School Government, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

Presented by the Committee on School Government:

Resolved, That Miss Lucy Cummings be and she is hereby appointed as a teacher of mathematics in the High School, at an annual salary of thirteen hundred dollars, payable

monthly; said appointment to take effect immediately.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

Presented by the Committee on School Government:

Whereas, Under a resolution of the Board of Education, a competitive examination in Latin was ordered, the position to be awarded to the person receiving the highest general average; and

Whereas, John P. Selden received the highest general average in such examination, therefore be it

Resolved, That Mr. John P. Selden be and he is hereby appointed as a teacher of Latin, on probation, for one year, in the High School, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect September 1st, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

Presented by the Committee on School Government:

Resolved, That Mr. James L. Richmond be and he is hereby appointed as a teacher in English, on probation, for one year, in the High School, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect September 1st, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Vice-President Alberts.

On motion of Mr. Marnell, it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn subject to the call of the President.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, May 13, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti Alberts and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest announced the death of Edward Forbes, for many years janitor of School No. 6, which occurred on May 10, and the Board manifested its regret and sympathy for the family of the deceased by rising.

Presented by Superintendent Demarest:
Hoboken, N. J., May 13, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—I beg leave to inform your Honorable Body that by order of the Committee on School Government I have assigned Mr. Joseph A. Corcoran, temporarily, to the position of teacher in the science department of the High School, subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

On motion the communication was received and the action approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Miss C. O. Koeller presented her resignation as teacher in the Science Department of the High School, to take effect May 2, 1912, and Miss Elizabeth Downer presented her resignation as teacher in the elementary schools, to take effect May 15, 1912, and on motion the resignations were accepted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Miss Ida Housman made application for appointment as teacher of physics and chemistry in the High School; Mr. Georges Bleufys as teacher of French in the High School; Miss Helen Gunkel as teacher of sewing; Miss Mary T. Heward as a teacher in the elementary department, and from Miss Carolyn Seib as a teacher in the Summer School. The several applications were referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. A. I. Dillon, Principal of School No. 3, made application for appointment as Principal of the Evening School. The application was placed on file.

A communication from the N. J. Progressive Blind Men's Society of Jersey City, asking that they be given an opportunity to tune the pianos in the schools, was presented and re-

ferred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. Michael Dougherty petitioned the Board to assist him in having his son, Edward, who had been rendered speechless by sickness, receive an education by arranging with the Board of Education of Jersey City, which has a class especially devoted to such cases. The communication was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A letter of thanks, for kindness of the Board in granting the use of the Gymnasium of the High School, for holding competitive drill, was received from the Board of Officers of the National Cadets of America, and placed on file.

Mr. E. J. Brandes, a former teacher of German, in a communication, asked that the Board give him the "customary" reference for services performed, as it was impossible for him to obtain employment and pursue his vocation as a teacher without them. The request was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A communication from Abraham Brill, of New York City, attorney, requesting that payment of the claim of the Standard Dental Depot be made to Samuel Marks, Esq., receiver, was presented, referred to the Committee on Finance, and the Secretary was directed to secure evidence of authority, etc.

Applications were received from the American Book Company, Ginn & Co., Lippincott & Co., and A. S. Barnes & Co., to place text books on the authorized list, and referred to the Committee on School Government.

The Committee of the Whole, through its Chairman, President Lankering, reported that it had prepared the budget for the year 1912-1913, and submitted the following estimate of the amount necessary for the use and maintenance of the School District of Hoboken, for the ensuing school year, ending June 30, 1913, for the consideration and confirmation of the Board, viz:

For teachers' salaries.....	\$320,725 27
For janitors and officials.....	31,590 00
For medical inspection.....	5,200 00
For transportation	1,800 00
For interest on notes.....	3,500 00
For coal and wood.....	11,000 00
For supplies	15,000 00
For medical and dental supplies.	600 00
For janitors' supplies.....	1,500 00
For Evening School.....	2,000 00
For water.....	1,000 00
For insurance	2,000 00
For gas and electric light.....	2,500 00
For telephones	600 00
For lectures	500 00
For Commencements	200 00
For piano care.....	200 00

For clock care	350 00
For printing	2,250 00
For Manual Training.....	5,000 00
For repairs	11,500 00
For new boiler at School No. 5..	1,600 00
For help at High School.....	3,600 00
For appointments	1,250 00
For Evening High School.....	5,000 00
For contingent fund.....	2,000 00
For rent of Truant School.....	300 00

Total amount required..... \$432,765 27
Amount apportioned by State.... 241,974 69

Amount to be raised by taxation. \$190,790 58
Less amount of unexpended balance 20,000 00

Total amount to be raised by taxation \$170,790 58

Action on the budget was deferred until the Committee on Finance reported thereon. A recess was declared, and upon reassembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the statement prepared and submitted by the Committee of the Whole of this Board, specifying the amount of money necessary for the current expenses of the School District of Hoboken, N. J., and for the repair of school buildings under its control, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare and submit to each member of the Board of School Estimate and to said Board, a copy of said statement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of School Estimate be and it is hereby requested to fix and determine that the amount so specified is necessary for the maintenance, support and management of the public schools of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, for the ensuing school year, ending June 30, 1913.

On motion of Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Alberts, the resolution was approved and the budget for 1912-1913 adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Lavery:

Resolved, That Mr. Joseph A. Corcoran be and he is hereby appointed as teacher in the Science Department of the High School, on probation, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect immediately.

On motion of Mr. Lavery, seconded by Mr.

Mooney, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney and Alberts.

Nays—Messrs. Lichtenstein, Lynch, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That William Gilfert be and he is hereby appointed as janitor of Public School No. 6, at an annual salary of two thousand dollars, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect September 1, 1912.

Mr. Marnell moved the adoption of the resolution, when Mr. Mooney moved to amend by substituting the name of Mrs. Edward Forbes in lieu of William Gilfert, which motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Vezzetti, and the ayes and nays being called, the motion to amend was carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lichtenstein, Mooney, Vezzetti and Alberts.

Nays—Messrs. Lavery, Lynch, Marnell and President Lankering.

The original motion, as amended, was then put and carried, and Mrs. Edward Forbes appointed an janitress of School No. 6, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lichtenstein, Mooney, Vezzetti and Alberts.

Nays—Messrs. Lavery, Lynch, Marnell and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Vezzetti:

Resolved, That Mr. L. Spangburgh, now holding the position of fireman at School No. 9, be and he is hereby appointed as assistant janitor of School No. 9, at an annual salary of nine hundred dollars, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect at once.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Lichtenstein:

Resolved, That on and after July 1, 1912, the salary of Mr. Otto Hoch, teacher in the German Department, shall be increased to and fixed at sixteen hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That on and after the first day of July, 1912, the regularly assigned teachers of the "Opportunity Classes" in the schools of our city shall receive in addition to their regular salary, the sum of five dollars per month, during the period of such assignment.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Vezzetti:

Resolved, That the Business Manager be and he is hereby directed to draw plans and specifications for the erection of a brick fence at the extreme northern end of the High School property; also to draw specifications for the sinking and construction of an artesian well on the same property; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary advertise for proposals for the construction of said fence and well.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on School Government:

Whereas, The State Commissioner of Education, as provided by law, has directed that a State uniform examination shall be held during the week of June 10, 1912, to test the efficiency of the various school systems; and

Whereas, This examination has been scheduled for practically the same time as that of our local examinations for admission to the High School; and

Whereas, It would be unjust to subject our pupils to two examinations for the same purpose; and

Whereas, The Superintendent will be unable to judge until such time as the State examinations shall have been completed whether the State examinations will measure up to our local standards for promotion therefore be it

Resolved, That the June examinations for 1912 for promotion from the elementary to the High School be referred to the Superintendent with power to use such standards and qualifications for graduation from the elementary schools as his judgment may determine.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, Architect John T. Rowland, Jr., has submitted a certificate in favor of W. H. & F. W. Cane, Inc., in the sum of eleven thousand one hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty cents (\$11,132.20), being the 13th and final payment on their contract for the

erection of the High School building, and the same having been countersigned by the Business Manager and approved by the Committee on Finance, therefore be it

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of said certificate and charged to the bond issue for the erection and equipment of the High School, payment to be made only after the Corporation Attorney shall have certified that the contractors have filed such bonds as are required under the terms of said contract.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, Architect John T. Rowland, Jr., has submitted a certificate in favor of W. H. & F. W. Cane, Inc., in the sum of two thousand three hundred and forty-six dollars and ninety-one cents (\$2,346.91), being in payment of extra work on the High School building over and above the contract for same, and the certificate having been countersigned by the Business Manager, who submitted an itemized statement of the work called for, and the same being approved by the Committee on Finance, therefore be it

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of said certificate, to be charged to the bond issue for the erection and equipment of the High School.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, Business Manager Clayton has submitted a certificate in favor of Kerr & Paradise, in the sum of four hundred and ninety-eight dollars (\$498), in payment of the copper storm shed erected at the High School, and the same having been approved by the Committee on Finance, therefore be it

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in the sum of \$498 in payment of said certificate, to be charged to the bond issue for the High School.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti, Alberts and President Lankering.

On recommendation of the Committee on School Government, through Mr. Mooney, Chairman, the following pupils were given permission to leave school and working cer-

tificates granted them, viz.: William Weidemeyer, Frank Scocimario, Arthur Glogan, Helen Urbach, George Sheehy, George Sutton, Frank Vian, Jennie Cuneo, Francis Hartmann, John J. Rohr, Florence Purdy, Frieda Reumschuessel, Tessie Mainieri, Emdl Dell, Annie Offinger, Francis Ford, Mary Conroy,

Walter Schoenbaum, Toney Capitelli, Andrew Adraisen, Rudolph Schaumann, Angelina Biggio, Rudolph Bowitz and Walter Russell.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evenings, May 20, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

The minutes of the stated session of April 15, and the adjourned stated session of May 13, 1912, were, on motion, approved, as printed.

The reports of the Superintendent as to the deductions in the pay roll for the month of April, 1912; the attendance at the Industrial School; that of tardiness; the Medical Inspectors, and that of the Nurse and Dentist, were presented and placed on file.

The Superintendent's report of the attendance in the public schools, showing an enrollment of 9,084, with an average attendance of 8,027, was presented and referred to the Committee on School Government.

Business Manager Clayton submitted a report of the repairs done on and at the several schools since his report of April 15, and the report was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

An application to place text books on the authorized list was received and referred to the Committee on School Government.

A communication from the Board of Education of Jersey City, N. J., stating that the tuition fee for pupils defective in hearing was \$100 per annum, and requested that notice be sent to Edward Dougherty, having him enroll at School No. 32, the Board of Education of Hoboken assuming the payment of the tuition fee. The communication was received and the Secretary directed to notify Master Dougherty.

Miss Ida Housman made application for the position as instructor in the High School in any of the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Physiography, Physics and Chemistry. The application was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. John Griffin made application for position as teacher in the Summer School, and his application was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A recess was then declared, and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

The following communication from Assistant Commissioner of Education J. Brognard Betts,

in reference to the award of contracts for the erection of School No. 1, was presented and placed in full on the minutes, viz.:

Department of Public Instruction,
Trenton, New Jersey, May 15, 1912.

William A. Kerr, Secretary, Board of Education, Hoboken, N. J.:

Dear Sir—Your favor enclosing report to your Board of Education by the President of the Board, and a copy of the notice served by the President on the persons holding contracts for the erection of School No. 1, has been given careful consideration. The Board of Education asks what further action, if any, should be taken, and also whether the award of the contracts in question was advisable and legal. The course to be pursued by a Board of Education in determining whether or not it shall decline to recognize a contract made by a preceding Board is not a controversy arising under the School law, and, therefore, this department has no jurisdiction. The counsel of the Board is the proper person to advise it in such matters. It is also true that the question as to whether or not a contract entered into was advisable, is not a controversy arising under the School laws. The only question to be answered, therefore, is: Were the contracts entered into, legal?

The only section in the School law which relates to contracts for buildings entered into by Boards of Education are Sections 58 and 59 of the 1911 edition of the law. These sections prescribe the method of advertising and awarding contracts. There does not seem to be any question as to the regularity of the proceedings, the only question being whether or not the Board of Education had exceeded the appropriation available for the erection of School No. 1. From the papers forwarded it does not appear that the contracts awarded were in excess of the appropriations, but it appears that if the building were to be finished according to the original plans and specifications the cost would exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of School Estimate. There is nothing whatever to show that the Board of Education, in awarding the contracts already let, intended to follow the original plans and specifications for the parts of the building not contracted for. If the contract was legally let, the interests of the contractors and their rights in the matter must be considered. The present Board of Education cannot reconsider the action taken by the former Board in the matter of these contracts, for the Courts have repeatedly held that the determination reached by a deliberative body in the matter of jurisdiction or quasi jurisdictional character is final as soon as the existence of the body ends. (See 45

Vroom, page 543).

The question of the legality of the contracts can in my mind be determined only by the Courts.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. BROGNARD BETTS,

Assistant Commissioner of Education.

A communication containing a reply to the request made by the Secretary on behalf of the Board of Education, requesting a decision from the State Department as to its right "to transfer from the general fund, which is composed of all moneys received from any and all sources, except the moneys apportioned by the State, to any of the funds in order to meet obligations duly incurred," was received from Assistant Commissioner J. Brognard Betts, who submitted the following opinion: "That moneys received 'from other sources' may be used by the Board of Education in its discretion without violating any of the provisions of Section 31 of the Crimes Act referred to."

The communication and decision was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Presented by Mr. Lichtenstein:

Whereas, The Committee of the Whole of this Board, in the preparation of the estimate of the amount of money necessary for the maintenance of the schools for the school year ending June 30, 1913, recommended the transfer from the balance in the hands of the Custodian of School Moneys, from moneys received from all sources and a part of the funds of the Board of Education, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be deducted from the amount determined to be raised by taxation for the use and maintenance of the schools for the next ensuing school year, therefore be it

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole be and is hereby confirmed and approved.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That all claims pending, unpaid, before the Board of Education be and the same are hereby taken from the hands of the several Committees to which they have heretofore been referred, and such claims be now taken up for consideration.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Whereas, There are unpaid claims on file with the Secretary, for work done and supplies furnished, amounting in the aggregate the sum of ten thousand dollars, therefore be it

Resolved, That in pursuance to the opinion of the Assistant Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey, submitted at the session of the Board held May 20, 1912, all claims now on file with the Secretary be and the same are hereby ordered paid and that orders be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same from any moneys to the credit of the Board of Education.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That the Board of Education offer to Mr. John Podesta the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) as the purchase price for all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets, and running thence northerly along the easterly line of Garden street forty-five (45) feet eleven and one-half (11½) inches; thence easterly parallel with Third street ninety-five (95) feet; thence northerly parallel with Garden street four (4) feet and one-half (½) an inch; thence easterly parallel with Third street five (5) feet; thence southerly parallel with Garden street fifty (50) feet to the northerly line of Third street, and thence westerly along the said northerly line of Third street one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning, as an additional site for School No. 1, and in the event of the refusal of the said John Podesta to accept such purchase price, the Corporation Attorney be directed to bring proceedings to take and condemn the said property in the manner provided by law regulating the ascertainment and payment of compensation for property condemned or taken for public use.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Resolved, That Edward Dougherty, son of Michael Dougherty, a resident of Hoboken, who is defective in hearing and speech, be entered in the class devoted by the Board of Education of Jersey City, N. J., for such cases, and that the tuition fee of \$100 per annum, payable semi-annually, be assumed by this Board.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti

and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the graduating exercises of the High School shall be held in the High School Auditorium on Thursday evening, June 27, 1912, at eight o'clock, and that the graduating exercises of the Grammar Schools shall be held in the Auditorium of the High School on Friday morning, June 28, 1912, at ten o'clock; and be it further

Resolved, That the schools close for the summer vacation on Friday, June 28, 1912, and re-open on Monday, September 9, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Lichtenstein:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of May, 1912, be and is hereby ordered paid, subject to deduction by the Committee on School Government, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications drawn by the Business Manager for the brick fence to be erected on the High School property, at the north end, and the specifications for the artesian well to be on the same property, be and they are hereby approved, and that the proposals to be advertised for be received at an adjourned session of the Board to be held on Monday evening, June 3, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That the Business Manager be and he is hereby directed to draw plans and specifications for the repairs on the several school buildings for such work as the Committee on Repairs have agreed on, and that the Secretary advertise for proposals for said repairs according to said specifications, and that the proposals be received at the stated session of the Board to be held on June 17, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

The following are the claims on file with the Secretary which, by resolution, were ordered paid at this meeting (May 20), viz.:

Robert J. Rath, fence at School No.

i, on bond issue.....	\$111 54
E. Stack, insurance on No. 6.....	54 00
Richard Buckley, insurance on No. 6	264 00
J. H. Kruse, insurance on No. 3	
boiler house	22 50
J. H. Kruse, insurance on Nos. 2	
and 3	329 25
C. A. Burhorn, insurance on No. 4..	42 50
John H. Ahrens, repairs at Nos. 9,	
8 and 3.....	96 25
Geo. Pinner, glazing, Nos. 4, 6 and	
High School	22 30
Geo. Pinner, glazing, Nos. 2 and 8..	10 60
Alex. McCabe, electrical work at Nos.	
4, 6, 7 and 8.....	128 98
Alex. McCabe, electrical work at Nos.	
2, 3, 5 and 9.....	36 90
R. J. Rath, repairs at Nos. 2, 4, 6	
and 7	15 44
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs at Nos. 3, 4,	
5, 7 and 9.....	267 64
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs at Nos. 2, 3,	
4, 6 and High School.....	88 43
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs at Nos. 2, 3,	
4, 7 and High School.....	106 72
A. Capelli, rent, Truant School, four	
months	100 00
J. C. Window Cleaning Co., windows	
at High School, five months.....	200 00
Joseph F. Brandt, orchestra, High	
School music	10 00
Frank Cordts Furniture Co., janitors'	
supplies	60 50
C. Muzzi & Co., Manual Training	
supplies	125 60
C. Muzzi & Co., janitors' supplies...	34 35
Geismar-Meyer Co., janitors' supplies	67 03
Elizabeth Meyer, Manual Training	
supplies	49 80
Lawson & MacMurray, Manual Train-	
ing supplies	6 60
E. J. Kerr, supplies to office.....	12 25
Wm. Meyer, repairs, Nos. 4 and 9..	27 70
S. Bloomberg, glazing at Nos. 7 and 9	7 00
Consolidated Iron Works, repairs at	
No. 3	41 90
W. W. Hammell, repairs at No. 4... 4	26
J. E. Kenna, repairs	23 42
O. K. Electric Equipment Co., repairs	
at No. 7.....	3 00
John W. Leddy, repairs at No. 4....	5 50
Board of Education, J. C., tuition	
fee, blind pupil	50 00
M. Pistor, ink.....	45 90
Jas. J. Keeny, cartage.....	35 00
N. Y. Telephone Co., contract, April-	
May	105 46
Public Service Corporation, gas and	
electric light, March-April.....	544 94
J. Tiscornia, piano care, second pay-	
ment	50 00

J. M. Patterson, janitors' supplies...	20 28
F. J. Ross, janitors' supplies.....	18 66
Chas. Weber, frame for High School	2 90
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., supplies to High School.....	220 26
Headly-Farmer Co., janitors' supplies	2 14
Ginn & Co., books, No. 2 and High School	64 00
Lippincott & Co., books, No. 1.....	18 40
W. L. Dannheimer, dental supplies..	6 00
Geo. Hoffman, dental supplies.....	36 05
Eastern Dental Supply Co., dental supplies	28 00
S. S. White Dental Co., dental sup- plies	23 68
Standard Dental Depot, dental sup- plies	30 85
Consolidated Dental Co., dental sup- plies	55 36
A. Speckmann, Manual Training sup- plies	34 81
N. H. Peters, Manual Training sup- plies	33 19
Union Towel Supply Co., towels, five months	103 35
Eimer & Amend, chemical supplies..	160 32
Powell H. Curtiss, examination ques- tions	18 00
Hudson Observer, minutes, March 18	

to May 13.....	196 13
Hudson Observer, printing blanks, &c	170 75
Hudson Observer, minutes, Dec. 8 to March 4.....	273 22

The following was presented and read:

Resolved, That the Hudson Trust Company and the Jefferson Trust Company be and they are hereby designated as the depositories of the moneys belonging to the Board of Education, and that the Custodian of School Moneys be and he is hereby directed to divide said moneys and deposit the same equally between said trust companies.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney and President Lan-
kering.

Nays—None.

Excused from voting—Messrs. Lichtenstein and Vezzetti.

Advertisement for supplies, coal and wood, etc., was deferred to give the Committee on Supplies opportunity to consider and prepare specifications.

On motion, it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, June 3, 1912, at eight o'clock.

On motion the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, June 3, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

The following certificate of the amount of money appropriated by the Board of School Estimate, for the maintenance of the public schools of Hoboken, N. J., a like certificate having been submitted to the Mayor and Council, was presented, read and ordered spread in full on the minutes of the Board, viz.:

BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE.

District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, N. J.
Hoboken, N. J., May 24, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, N. J.:

Gentlemen—This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of School Estimate of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, held on Thursday evening, May 23, 1912, the following amount, specified, was fixed and determined as necessary for the use and maintenance of the public schools of the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, for the school year ending June 30, 1913, viz.:

Teachers' salaries	\$320,725 27
Janitors and officials.....	31,590 00
Medical inspection	5,200 00
Transportation	1,800 00
Interest on notes.....	3,500 00
Coal and wood.....	11,000 00
Supplies	15,000 00
Medical and dental supplies.....	600 00
Janitors' supplies	1,500 00
Evening School	2,000 00
Water	1,000 00
Insurance	2,000 00
Gas and electric light.....	2,500 00
Telephones	600 00
Lectures	500 00
Commencements	200 00
Piano care	200 00
Clock care	350 00
Printing	2,250 00
Manual training	5,000 00
Repairs	11,500 00
New boiler at No. 5.....	1,600 00
Help at High School.....	3,600 00
Appointments	1,250 00
Evening High School.....	5,000 00
Contingent fund	2,000 00
Rent of Truant School.....	300 00

Total amount required..... \$432,765 27

Amount apportioned by State.... 241,974 69

\$190,790 58

Less amount of unexpended balance 20,000 00

Amount to be raised by taxation. \$170,790 58

We would therefore ask your Honorableness to appropriate the amount so specified and required, as aforesaid, in the same manner as other appropriations are made.

By order of the Board of School Estimate,

(Signed) MARTIN COOKE, President.
RICHARD A. MARNELL,
ROBERT H. ALBERTS,
JOHN J. DELANEY.

Attest:

(Seal) WILLIAM A. KERR,

Secretary.

A communication was presented from Mr. Charles Fall, President of the Hoboken Trust Company, asking that said company be designated as one of the depositaries of the moneys of the Board of Education, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the New Jersey Progressive Blind Men's Society, of Jersey City, was presented, asking that consideration be given to blind men in their care in the tuning of the pianos in the public schools of Hoboken. The letter was referred to the Committee on School Government.

The Remington Typewriter Company submitted a proposal to make exchanges of machines, at a nominal sum, and the proposal was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Applications were made to place text books on the authorized list by Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. and Longmans, Green & Co., and referred to the Committee on School Government.

The following communication was presented and read:

Corporation Attorney's Office,
Hoboken, N. J., May 27, 1912.

The Honorable the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken:

Gentlemen—I send you herewith a bond, dated May 24, 1912, between W. H. & F. W. Cane, Inc., as principal, and National Surety Company of New York as surety, and the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, executed in due form of law, whereby the principal guarantees that the heating and ventilating system installed by it in the Hoboken High School shall maintain a temperature of seventy-two degrees in zero weather for one year from October 1, 1911; also the guarantee of the Cane Company as to the water proofing done at High School building against all ordinary wear and tear for a period of two years from September 28, 1910; also the guar-

antee of Fordham Cornice Works, dated September 12, 1911, for the roofing work done by said company on the High School building, for the term of five years, against all ordinary wear and tear and weather conditions. It is recited therein that the guarantor, upon notification, shall immediately make any repairs that may be necessary caused by ordinary weather conditions also the certificate of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters certifying that the electric wiring of Watson-Flagg Engineering Co., in the High School building, has been examined and found to be in compliance with the requirements of said Board. This certificate is No. 853861 also certificate of said Board of Fire Underwriters No. 856954 certifying that the electric motor equipment introduced by Watson-Flagg Engineering Co., in High School building, has been examined and found to be in compliance with the requirements of said Board.

Respectfully,
(Signed) JNO. J. FALLON,
Corporation Attorney.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Edgar F. Brandes presented an urgent request for a reference as to his qualifications as a teacher, and the same was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. George Junker, in a communication, asked to be considered in the matter of orchestra at the High School Commencement. The communication was referred to the Committee on School Government.

In the regular order of business, according to advertisement, the Secretary reading the same, proposals were called for the erection of a brick fence on the northerly line of the High School property, and the sinking of an artesian well on the High School property, and the following were presented:

For the erection of brick fence, according to specifications:

From James Whalen, for the sum of \$628.
From Richard Schreiber for the sum of \$697.
From Michael Farrell for the sum of \$719.
From Alex. Whan, Jr., for the sum of \$512.

The proposals for the erection and completion of the brick fence, according to specifications, were referred to the Committee on Repairs.

For the sinking and construction of an artesian well:

From Harry E. Estes, as N. Y. & N. J. Well Co., for three dollars and sixty cents per foot from the surface of the ground. The minimum depth to be 150 feet and the maximum depth to be 700 feet.

One dollar and fifty cents per hour for any pumping, piping or removal of pipe beyond the 12 hours free test.

The proposal was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A recess was then declared, and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Vezzetti:

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of three to visit Mr. Richard Dewey, owner of the property known as No. 156 Third street, in the City of Hoboken, N. J., and ascertain the price he will sell said property for; the Committee to report back to the Board at an adjourned session to be held on Monday evening, June 10, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

From the Committee on Repairs:

Hoboken, N. J., June 3, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Repairs, to whom was referred the proposals for the erection of the brick fence at the extreme northerly end of the High School property, would report that we have carefully examined the same and find the proposal of Alexander Whan, Jr., the lowest, and we would therefore recommend that the contract for the erection of said fence be awarded to the said Alexander Whan, Jr., at the figure and price named in his proposal and that the usual bond and agreement be drawn for the faithful performance of said contract. We further recommend that the certified checks be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

Signed by the Committee on Repairs.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and its recommendation approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Laverty, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by the Committee on Repairs:

Hoboken, N. J., June 3, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Repairs, to whom was referred the proposal for the erection, sinking and installing of an artesian well on the High School property, would report that it has carefully examined the same and find that the proposal of Harry E. Estes is the lowest, and would recommend that the contract for the artesian well be awarded to Harry E. Estes at the figures named in his proposal and that the usual bond and agreement be drawn for the faithful performance of said contract.

Signed by the Committee on Repairs.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and its recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by the Committee on Repairs:

Resolved, That the specifications as drawn by Business Manager Clayton, for a new boiler for School No. 5; mason work for the installation of new boiler and for a concrete sidewalk around School No. 5, be and the same are hereby approved and that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the same; said proposals to be presented at the stated session of the Board to be held on Monday evening, June 17, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Supplies:

Resolved, That the specifications for the purchase and delivery of coal and wood, as drawn by the Business Manager, be and the same are hereby approved and that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals, according to said specifications; said proposals to be presented at the stated session of the Board to be held on Monday evening, June 17, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Supplies:

Resolved, That the specifications are drawn by the Business Manager for the purchase of stationery, janitors' supplies, manual training supplies, etc., be and the same are hereby approved, and that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the same, according to said specifications; proposals to be presented at the stated session of the Board to be held on Monday evening, June 17, 1912, at 8 o'clock.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Gebhardt, Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and President Lankering.

On recommendation of the Committee on School Government, the following pupils were given exemption from attending school, viz.: Charles Riebold, Mary Lombardi, Nora McHale, Rose Miele, Rose Dapuzzo, Harry Salvator, Salvator Selemi, Aaron Levine, John Canning, Gustav Wissnyi, Michael Guzzi.

On motion, it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, June 10, 1912, at eight o'clock.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, June 10, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and Vice-President Alberts.

Absent—Messrs. Gebhardt and Lankering.

The following communication from Corporation Attorney Fallon was presented and read:

Office of Corporation Attorney,

Hoboken, N. J., June 7, 1912.

William A. Kerr, Esq., Secretary, Board of Education, Hoboken, New Jersey:

Dear Sir—I have forwarded to the Clerk of the Supreme Court a writ of error in the matter of the State ex rel., John H. Sheridan, relator, v. George Lankering, defendant, on quo warranto. Said writ operates as a stay. Consequently Mr. Lankering has a legal right to continue as President of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken until the Court of Errors and Appeals has passed final judgment on the aforesaid matter.

The decision handed down by the Supreme Court on June 5, instant, declares that the act of 1911 (P. L. 1911, p. 512), which excludes from its operation "those cities where boards of education now consist of less than nine members each," is unconstitutional. The Court, in its decision, has seemingly overlooked the point made by me in the brief submitted to the Court, to the effect that, inasmuch as the State Board of Education has not yet determined the matters in difference between the aforesaid parties, pursuant to the statute in such case provided, the Supreme Court is without jurisdiction to determine the matters in difference in the quo warranto proceeding. You will recall that Sheridan filed an appeal with the Commissioner of Public Instruction, who decided in favor of the appellant. An appeal was taken by me, in behalf of Mr. Lankering, from said decision, to the State Board of Education, within the time prescribed by law therefor, which said appeal is now pending and undetermined. It is my insistent that prior to the State Board of Education rendering its decision on said appeal, the Supreme Court is without jurisdiction to determine the matters in controversy between the parties in question. Our courts have repeatedly held that until the remedies provided by the special statutory tribunals created by the school law for the settlement of controversies have been exhausted, the prerogative writs of the State should not be awarded.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the

matter of Sheridan-Lankering points out that the legal existence of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken is not attacked, but only the right of Mr. Lankering to hold the office of President of the said Board. The said decision does not in anywise effect the rights of any of the members of the Board of Education, other than Mr. Lankering, and their rights cannot be questioned other than by proceedings prescribed by law.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

JNO. J. FALLON,
Corporation Attorney.

The communication was received and ordered spread in full on the minutes of the Board.

The following was presented and read:

Hoboken, N. J., June 10, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Special Committee of Three, which was appointed for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Richard Dewey and obtaining a fixed price as his selling value of the premises owned by him and known as 156 Third street, in the City of Hoboken, N. J., would report that by arrangement we met Mr. Dewey, and after stating the object of the interview, and discussion, requested Mr. Dewey to submit in writing the selling price of the property, which offer is herewith submitted. We deem the price offered by him (\$7,900) in excess of the value of said property, and for your approval and adoption present the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Board of Education offer Mr. Richard Dewey the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as the purchase price of all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land and premises known as 156 Third street, situate, lying and being in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning one hundred (100) feet from the northeasterly corner of Garden and Third streets and running thence easterly thirty-one (31) feet thence northerly fifty (50) feet; thence westerly thirty-one (31) feet, and thence southerly fifty (50) feet to place of beginning; as additional site for Public School No. 1, and in the event of the refusal on the part of the said Mr. Richard Dewey to accept such purchase price, the Corporation Attorney be directed to bring proceedings to take and condemn said property in the manner provided by law regulating the ascertainment and payment of compensation for property condemned or taken for public use.

(Signed)

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD MOONEY,
JAMES P. LAVERTY,
BERNARD VEZZETTI.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and the resolution recommended by it approved and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Lavery, Lichtenstein, Lynch, Marnell, Mooney, Vezzetti and Vice-President Alberts.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Gebhardt and Lankering.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Session of the Board of Education, called at the request of His Honor Mayor Martin Cooke, for the purpose of organization and the stated session of the Board.

At the request of the Secretary, and there being no objection, His Honor Mayor Cooke acted as temporary Chairman.

The Secretary then read the following communication:

Mayor's Office,

Hoboken, N. J., June 14, 1912.

William A. Kerr, Esq., Secretary Board of Education, Hoboken, N. J.:

Dear Sir—Owing to the complicated conditions at present existing with reference to our school government, due to the recent decision of the Supreme Court, wherein the Court declared the legislative enactment of 1911 (P. L. 1911, p. 532) to be unconstitutional, and inasmuch as Messrs. George Lankering, Julius Lichtenstein, George Gebhardt, Robert H. Alberts, Richard A. Marnell, Lawrence Lynch, Richard Mooney, Bernard Vezzetti and James P. Lavery, who were appointed by me on January 1, 1912, as members of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, having due regard for the welfare of the educational interests of the city, have tendered to me their resignations as such members, which resignations I have accepted in the spirit in which they were tendered, I have this day appointed Messrs. George Lankering, Richard Mooney, Richard A. Marnell and James P. Lavery members of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, to serve as such for the term prescribed by law, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

I request you to send out notices at once to George Lankering, Richard Mooney, Richard A. Marnell, James P. Lavery, Frederick Wendelken, Wilson Taylor, John H. Sheridan and George C. Barso, now constituting the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, calling a meeting of said Board for Monday, June 17, 1912, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the meeting room of the Board, High School building, for the purpose of organization and the transaction of general business.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

MARTIN COOKE,

Mayor.

The communication was received and placed for record on the minutes.

The following communication from Mr. James H. Londrigan, City Clerk, was read:

City Clerk's Office,

Hoboken, N. J., June 14, 1912.

William A. Kerr, Esq., Secretary Board of

Education, Hoboken, N. J.:

Dear Sir—I herewith beg leave to inform you that His Honor Mayor Cooke has appointed Messrs. George Lankering, Richard A. Marnell, James P. Lavery and Richard Mooney as members of the Board of Education, and they have duly qualified before me.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES H. LONDRIGAN,

City Clerk.

The communication was received and placed on file.

The Secretary called the roll and the following were recorded as

Present—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Lankering, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

At this juncture Mr. Taylor protested against the presence of the appointees of Mayor Cooke, claiming that appointments should have been made in December last, and His Honor had no right at this time to appoint.

Mayor Cooke, as Chairman, then announced that the first business in order would be the election of a President, and requested nominations, whereupon Mr. Marnell nominated Mr. Lankering; Mr. Sheridan nominated Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Taylor placed in nomination the name of Mr. Sheridan.

In calling the ayes and nays, the Chairman requested the members to indicate their choice of candidates as their names were called. The roll being called, the result was as follows:

Voting in favor of Mr. Lankering—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney and Lankering.

Voting in favor of Mr. Taylor—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Voting in favor of Mr. Sheridan—Mr. Taylor.

The Chairman declared Mr. Lankering elected as President, and invited him to assume the position. Mr. Lankering thanked the members for the honor conferred, and announced that the next business in order would be the election of a Vice-President, when Mr. Taylor desired to enter a protest against the election, the Board not being legally constituted.

Mr. Lavery placed in nomination for the position of Vice-President the name of Mr. Mooney. Mr. Barso nominated Mr. Wendelken, and Mr. Wendelken nominated Mr. Barso. The open aye and nay vote was then called, resulting as follows:

For Mr. Mooney—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

For Mr. Barso—Messrs. Sheridan and Wendelken.

For Mr. Wendelken—Messrs. Barso and Taylor.

Mr. Mooney was declared the Vice-President-elect and thanked the members for honor.

The following was presented by Mr. Lavery:

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Three, to whom shall be referred the bids which may be submitted at this meeting; said Committee to report thereon at next regular meeting; and said Committee, until otherwise ordered, shall transact all other business in the supervision of school affairs.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

On the above resolution, Mr. Taylor first voted nay, but before the result of the vote was announced, requested and was granted permission to change said vote, and voted aye.

A recess was then declared and, upon re-assembling, the following were

Present—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The minutes of the stated session of May 20, 1912, were read in full and adopted by a viva voce vote. The minutes of the adjourned session of June 3, 1912, were adopted as printed.

The minutes of the adjourned session of June 10, 1912, were read and a motion made that they be adopted as read. The vote on the adoption of said minutes resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

The vote being a tie, His Honor the Mayor was called on to cast the deciding vote, and, voting in the affirmative, the minutes were declared approved.

The reports of the Superintendent as to the deductions in the pay roll for the month of May; the attendance at the Industrial School, tardiness, medical inspection, dental work and that of the Nurse, were presented and placed on file.

The report of the Superintendent as to the attendance in the public schools, showing an enrollment of 8,906, with an average attendance of 7,826, was presented and referred to the Committee on Schools.

Superintendent Demarest submitted a report from Principal Brandt, of the High School, in which he stated that the two pupils of the Commercial Class of February, 1912, who were conditioned in German, had successfully passed an examination in that subject, and recommended that the usual certificates be awarded them. The report was re-

ferred to the Committee on Schools.

Superintendent Demarest submitted the report of Principal Brandt, of the High School, containing the names and averages of the pupils in the Academic and Commercial Classes of the June term. Superintendent Demarest recommended that all those named, who had met the requirements of graduation, be granted the diploma of graduation and the certificate of work done. The report was referred to the Committee on Schools.

President Lankering appointed Messrs. Lavery, Marnell and Mooney as the Committee of Three to whom all proposals that might be received at this meeting should be referred and the supervision of school affairs until otherwise ordered.

Application to place text books on the authorized list was received from C. Sower & Company and placed on file.

Miss Freda Sieb made application to have her name placed on the eligible list, and her application was placed on file.

Business Manager Clayton submitted certificates in favor of Alexander McCabe, for electric work, in the sum of \$212, and in favor of Alex. Whan, Jr., for the erection of the brick fence at the High School, in the sum of \$512, and the certificates were referred to the Committee on Supervision.

Business Manager Clayton submitted a report of work done and supplies furnished since May 20, 1912. The report was placed on file.

A report of the Business Manager of the use of gas, electric light and power, also water, in the schools of the city, was submitted and referred to the Committee.

In the regular order of business, according to advertisement made, which was then read by the Secretary, proposals were called for presentation as indicated in the several advertisements, whereupon Mr. Taylor protested against the reception, opening or reading of any proposals, claiming that the Board was illegally constituted and could not consider any proposals for any purpose.

The following proposals were then presented, received, opened and read and referred to the Committee of Three appointed for that purpose. The proposals were opened by President Lankering and read by the Secretary in the following rotation:

FOR COAL.

From Wm. L. Kamena:
Glenwood coal, from the Erie Coal Company.
Egg and stove size, at 2000 lbs.
to ton, for..... \$5 44 per ton
Net size, at 2000 lbs. to ton, for 5 64 per ton
Pea size, at 2000 lbs. to ton, for 3 94 per ton
From Consumers Coal Co., W. S. Patterson,

owner. From a company having a mine breaker producing Lehigh, Scranton or Wilkes-barre coal:

Pea coal, per ton of 2000 lbs. for \$4 07 per ton
Nut coal, per ton of 2000 lbs. for 5 81 per ton
Stove coal, per ton of 2000 lbs. for 5 59 per ton
Egg coal, per ton of 2000 lbs. for 5 59 per ton

FOR WOOD.

From Wm. L. Kamena:

For best quality Virginia pine
wood \$14 00 per cord

FOR CARPENTER WORK.

From Caspar Bussanich:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$92 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 675 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 105 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 93 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 96 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 70 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 77 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 95 00

From Robert J. Rath:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$272 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 535 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 492 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 93 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 100 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 195 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 135 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 219 00

From Thomas Brandes, Paterson, N. J.:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$225 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 600 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 354 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 220 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 205 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 205 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 223 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 245 00

FOR MASON WORK, VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

From Alexander Whan, Jr.:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$110 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 150 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 120 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 120 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 150 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 150 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 150 00

FOR PLUMBING AND STEAMFITTING.

From William W. Read:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$130 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 45 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 45 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 434 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 1,407 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 36 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 39 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 132 00

From James A. Marnell:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$200 00

At School No. 3, as per specifications 75 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 60 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 400 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 1,250 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 70 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 50 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 125 00

FOR PAINTING.

From Dirk J. Peters:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$159 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 258 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 205 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 162 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 133 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 138 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 298 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 35 00

From Thomas F. Devlin:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$174 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 304 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 262 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 168 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 293 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 162 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 293 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 25 00

From John D. Webster:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$387 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 403 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 247 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 235 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 458 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 348 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 528 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 296 00

From P. S. Simmons Painting Co.:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$297 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 373 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 238 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 197 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 278 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 187 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 345 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 58 00

FOR ELECTRICAL WORK.

From Alexander McCabe:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$10 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications 38 50
At School No. 4, as per specifications 68 75
At School No. 5, as per specifications 7 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 18 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 51 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications 41 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications 50 00

From Samuel Cross:

At School No. 2, as per specifications \$19 75
At School No. 3, as per specifications 37 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications 28 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications 18 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications 24 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications 40 00

At School No. 8, as per specifications	35 00
At School No. 9, as per specifications	38 00

FOR ROOFING.

From William Meyer:

At School No. 2, as per specifications	\$25 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications	100 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications	32 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications	30 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications	35 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications	32 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications	120 00

From Kerr & Paradise:

At School No. 2, as per specifications	\$27 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications	76 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications	32 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications	91 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications	65 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications	172 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications	85 00

From T. W. Dorsett Co.:

At School No. 2, as per specifications	\$59 00
At School No. 3, as per specifications	94 00
At School No. 4, as per specifications	43 00
At School No. 5, as per specifications	40 00
At School No. 6, as per specifications	61 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications	53 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications	169 00

FOR IRON WORK.

From Fagan Iron Works:

At School No. 2, as per specifications	\$28 00
At School No. 7, as per specifications	53 00
At School No. 8, as per specifications	21 00
At High School, as per specifications	5 00

FOR BOILER AT SCHOOL NO. 5.

From James Whalen:

All work as per specifications.....	\$506 00
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From Barclay & Fielding:

All work as per specifications.....	385 00
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From Alexander Whan, Jr.:

All work as per specifications.....	470 00
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From A. D. Granger Co.:

All work as per specifications.....	837 97
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From Standard Heating Co.:

All work as per specifications.....	950 00
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FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALK AT NO. 5.

From Chas. S. Whan:

All work called for in specifications..	\$694 00
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From John S. Pustkuchen:

All work called for in specifications..	590 00
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From Commonwealth Roofing Co.:

All work called for in specifications..	695 00
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From Adolph Eyferty;

All work called for in specifications..	709 00
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Proposals for the furnishing of stationery, drawing material, blank books, pens, etc., fully itemized, were presented from the Hudson Observer, Edwin J. Kerr, Wm. D. Bindewald and the Miller Bros. Cutlery Co., and referred to the Committee of Three appointed to consider the proposals submitted.

Proposals for janitors' supplies, fully item-

ized, were received from Joseph H. Browne, A. H. Atischul, Solomon Lubash, Francis J. Ross, The Furst Company, and Wm. D. Bindewald, and referred to the same Committee.

The following claims were presented and read:

Public Service Corporation, gas during May	\$23 20
Allen A. Kerr Company, High School invitations and programs.....	65 00
E. E. Marlatt, engrossing High School and Grammar diplomas	95 05
J. C. Window Cleaning Co., cleaning windows, contract	40 00
Board of Education, Jersey City, tuition fee	50 00
A. Capelli, rent of truant school....	50 00
Henry W. Grote, clock contract....	87 50
John Tiscornia, piano care, contract.	40 00
N. Y. Telephone Co., contract, etc., June	60 50
Hudson Observer, printing advertisements, etc.....	201 30
Hudson Observer, minutes, May 20 to June 10.....	166 20
Francis J. Ross, janitors' supplies...	14 24
E. J. Kerr, supplies to office.....	46 00
L. Hanley, supplies to High School..	10 00
A. B. Dick Company, supplies to Superintendent	21 23
N. H. Peters, Manual Training supplies	12 99
Alex. McCabe, electric work, Nos. 3 and 8	16 00
Jersey City Ladder Co., ladder to High School	16 20
J. E. Kenna, locks, etc., to High School	10 00
Geo. Pinner, glazing, No. 8 and High School	11 60
Robert J. Rath, repairs at No. 4....	3 50
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs at Nos. 2, 4, 7 and 8	74 23

On motion of Mr. Lavery the claims were taken out of the hands of Committees and ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering and His Honor Mayor Cooke.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

The vote being a tie, His Honor the Mayor was called on to cast the deciding vote, and His Honor voting in the affirmative, the motion was declared adopted as above stated.

On motion of Mr. Lavery it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, June 24, 1912.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR.

Secretary.

Board of Education

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, June 24, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest desired to submit his annual report for the year ending June 30, 1912, which was complete, with the exception of one or two tables of statistics. The report was referred to the Committee on Schools.

Superintendent Demarest reported the Messrs. Edward Tackella and Henry Van Kempen, of the February Class, who had been conditioned in the subject of German, had removed the condition, and he recommended that they be graduated and that their names be added to the list of February graduates.

On motion the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

From the Superintendent:

Hoboken, N. J., June 24, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—I respectfully submit for your consideration the results of the examination for graduation from the Grammar Schools. After due consideration, I decided to use the written questions furnished by the State, as a test for promotion from the Grammar Schools to the High School. It gives me pleasure to report that the pupils have passed the written tests furnished by the State with very gratifying results. There were one hundred and seventy-eight contestants, of which number one hundred and seventy-five successfully passed and three failed in one subject each. I would respectfully recommend that those who passed be granted the usual diplomas of graduation; that the following pupils be conditioned in the subject in which they failed until September 9, viz.: Charles Anthony Esser, English; Alma Louise Johnson, English; William Frederic Boehme, arithmetic.

I would further recommend that in the event of removing the condition by that time, the usual diploma of graduation be given them.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

On motion the report of the Superintendent was received and his recommendation ap-

proved and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following are the names of the pupils named in the report of the Superintendent, viz.:

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Cecilia Cohen	Magdalene B. Selmelens
Estell Mae Goldstone	Emile Anone
Florence Ostrander	Charles Brown
Christopher F. Bobbe	George Driffin
Moses Rosenthal	John E. Mulcahy
Royal A. Tildford	Nathan Sussefman
Edith E. Bearman,	George Wehner
Florence Harper,	Martha Carolyn Frey
May A. Reeves,	Elsie Lebhauser
Frieda E. Wiebelt	Florence Zucker
Herbert O. Buhning	Charles Ehlert
John Koppolino	Walter O. Rohl
Arthur B. Hausman	Joseph F. A. Strut
Harry H. Ruthner	Henry Wagner
Katharine Eggers	Adele E. Guggenheim
Eva Krohn	Marie R. Pelzer
Edna Spanier	Alice K. Ufferfille
Charles Buddle	Max Bergowitz
Charles Kruse	Maurice Di Bari
Walter Stone	John A. Marsenaro
George Volz	Otto R. Schoen.
Dorothy H. Byron	George Wehner

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Samuel Askin	Marion Blatr
Ivins Brockman	Mary Cuneo
Franklin Edmonston	Mabel Wall
Prescott Morris	Mathilde Muhl
Alfred Sieber	Hazel Smith
Sylvia Apfelbaum	Duncan Barnes
Ethel Cross,	Cyrus Endler
Alice De Witt	Frank LaPointe
Gertrude Langen	Frederic Ogden
Edith Rundspaden	Miles Stray
Henry Ahlert	Antoinette Catoggio
William Canavan	Alida De Witt
Henry Larsen	Estelle Klefber
Abraham Mopper	Irma O'Connor
Harry Salomon	Eva Fertilbaum.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Joseph Bongearno	Albert Muhlmeister
John Gunderson,	Goldie Aldrich
John Freyburger,	Ebba Fritz
Gilbert Hyland	Florence Larsen
Herman Grobe	Elsie Seel
Andrew Lingner	Benny Ramm
George Lindstrom	Theresa Badaracco
William Wuboldt	Ella Kamps
Frances Ehemann	Louise Miede
Auguste Keuster	Lillian Wilson.
Emmie Schutze	

SCHOOL NO. 6.

John Bates	Victor Lundhal
Alice Clemenson	Loretta O'Connor

Alice Ferguson	Sadie Ress
Adeline Healy	Roy Traver
Anna Johnson	Agnes Brennan
Gertrude Luchs	Ralph Emery
Ernest Nelson	Elizabeth Harvey
Stephanie Reid,	Alexander Jeffrey
Frank Tompkins	Bernard Lowenstein
Dorothy Bradford	Robert Mahn
Grace Deacon	Wilma Olssen
Beatrice Greenwaldt	Peter Spinetto
Gladys Hunter	Edna Vezzetti
Edward Lewis	Viola von Deesten.
Margaret Cullen	Grace Cushing

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Martin Keely	Virginia Hussey
Minnie Buchta	Anthony Carluccio
William Phillips	William Hammerle
John Riecio	Rose Steinberg
Frank Margano	Elizabeth Reid
Lena Donfield	Louis Pampliano
Nicholas Polizzano	Henry Cammisar
Ida Barbiero	Joseph Canonico
Katharine Pinto	Emma Kaim
Ibe Wilckens	Rose Meisel
William Visconti	Anthony Dapuzzo
Edward Fuhrmann	Ella Dietrich
Felice Epositte	Edna Merz.
George Marquardt	

SCHOOL NO. 9.

Sadie Becker	Robert Monsees
George Delatos	Marie Rosenbaum
William Hagen	Ida Steinberg
Joseph Goldzweig	Gertrude Waller
Alma Meyer	Mary Chelton
Viola Ready	Katie Haas
Ida Siegel	Herman Hohboom
James Verbist	Isaac Levy
Susan Cella	David Pindar
Walter Ehrlich	Lawrence Seville
Florence Hinz	Alex. Gaub
Pauline Korn	Margaret Wise.

The following report of the Superintendent, having the statement of the Principal of the High School, as to the results of the examination for graduation of the pupils in the High School, was presented and read, viz.:

Hoboken, N. J., June 24, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—I beg leave to submit the attached report of Principal Brandt, of the High School, containing the names and percentages of the pupils of the June classes of the Academic and Commercial Departments, and respectfully recommend that those pupils who have met all the requirements for graduation be granted the diplomas of graduation and certificates of work done.

There are two pupils who failed to acquire the term mark and also the required per cent of examination. By order of the Committee, a special examination was given to

these pupils in the subjects in which they failed, and inasmuch as they secured the necessary points for graduation, I would recommend that the usual diplomas of graduation shall be granted to them.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,

Superintendent.

On motion the report of the Superintendent and the statement of the Principal were approved and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

ACADEMIC CLASS, JUNE, 1912.

Grace E. Barker	Andrew G. Mathil
Alice R. Coughlin	Adolph Rupp
Carrie G. Havens	Anna M. Borgstedt
Marjorie N. Smith	Anna Greenfield
J. Edward Coane	Helen E. A. Niemeyer
Franklin C. Mackrell	Emilie Ward
Florence Beatty	Thomas F. Mitchell
Maud Evans	Willie H. Taylor, Jr.
May E. Nettleton	William L. Yeaton, Jr.
Stephanie E. Tokarski	

COMMERCIAL CLASS, JUNE, 1912.

May A. Beute	Otto R. C. Leeger
Elizabeth Cushing	Albert F. Pawlik
Laura R. Kikkert	Anna Clark
Mary A. O'Neal	Inga A. Jacobsen
Edna P. Wursbach	Lois S. Ogden
George J. Bach	Rose Weiman
Anthony R. Fribichle	Estelle Gove
Joseph T. Orlando	Henry P. Cross
Mary E. Boyd	Thomas I. McNulty
Ella B. Gribat	Herbert W. Schlichting
Helen M. Krumm	Samuel Schneiweis
Rose Schneiweis	Henry P. Spencer
Marie P. Zanelli	Edgar I. Zimmerman.
Samuel Beer	

From the Superintendent:

The following pupils, having been graduated from the Montclair State Normal School, on Tuesday, June 18, 1912, are hereby recommended to be placed on the "Official list of Monttresses" in the order of their standing at graduation, viz.: Sarah D. Simon, Josephine Carr, Florence G. Miller.

The report of the Superintendent was, on motion, received and his recommendation approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Miss Elizabeth McKnight made application for the position as Kindergarten and her application was placed on file.

Mr. John Tiscornia submitted a proposal for the care of pianos; the Udell Sweeping Company, a proposal for dry cleaning of floors; the Underkood Typewriter Co., for ex-

change of machines, and the proposals were referred to the Committee on Schools.

B. Franklin Hart, President of the Alumni Association of the High School, made application for the use of the Auditorium and Gymnasium for the 28th inst., and on motion his request was granted.

The Committee on Schools submitted the following report, viz.:

Hoboken, N. J., June 24, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee, to whom was referred the proposals for janitors' supplies, presented and received at the session of the Board held on June 17, 1912, would report that we have carefully examined each of them and have, with great care in each instance, selected the lowest estimate, and would recommend that the contracts for the goods to be furnished, as called for in the specifications drawn by A. W. Clayton, Business Manager, be awarded to the persons named, at the prices and figures named in their proposals, viz.: Wm. D. Bindewald, The Furst Company, Francis J. Ross, A. H. Altschul, Joseph H. Browne, for the articles selected; and we further recommend that the usual bond and agreement be drawn for the faithful performance of contract.

J. P. LAVERTY,

R. A. MARNELL,

RICHARD MOONEY,

Committee.

A motion was made that the report of the Committee be received and its recommendation adopted. The motion was seconded, when Mr. Taylor and other members objected, claiming that all members of the Board should have the privilege of seeing the proposals. President Lankering declared the members out of order, when an appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair. The question "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was then put, the vote resulting as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

The vote being a tie, His Honor Mayor Cooke was called on to cast the deciding vote, and, voting in the affirmative, the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the ayes and nays on the question of receiving the report of the Committee and the adoption of its recommendation to award the contracts, and the vote resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

A tie vote was announced by the Secretary, when President Lankering called on His Honor the Mayor to exercise his prerogative, and, the Mayor voting in the affirmative, the motion was declared adopted.

The following was presented by the Committee on Schools:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the several proposals for stationery and supplies, presented and received at the session of the Board held on Monday evening, June 17, 1912, would report that we have carefully examined each of them and have, with great care in every instance, selected the lowest estimate, and would recommend that the contracts for the work to be done and the goods to be furnished, as called for in the specifications drawn by A. W. Clayton, Business Manager, be awarded to the persons named below and at the prices and figures named for each article called for in their proposals, viz.: The Hudson Observer, Edwin J. Kerr, Wm. D. Bindewald, Miller Bros. Cutlery Co., and we would further recommend that the usual bonds and agreements be drawn for the faithful performance of said contracts.

J. P. LAVERTY,

R. A. MARNELL,

RICHARD MOONEY,

Committee.

A motion was made that the report of the Committee be received and its recommendation adopted. The motion being seconded, the vote resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

The vote being a tie, His Honor the Mayor being called on, voted in the affirmative, and the motion was declared adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Schools was presented and read:

Hoboken, N. J., June 24, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee, to whom was referred the proposals presented and received at the session of the Board held on Monday evening, June 17, 1912, would report that we have carefully examined each of them and have, with great care in every instance, selected the lowest estimate, and would recommend that the contracts for the work to be done and the goods furnished, as called for in the advertisements and the specifications drawn by A. W. Clayton, Business Manager, be awarded to the persons named and at the prices and figures named in their proposals, viz.:

FOR COAL.

Wm. L. Kaemna:

Stove coal (2,000 lbs. to ton)..... \$5 44

Egg coal (2,000 lbs. to ton).....	5 44
Nut coal (2,000 lbs. to ton).....	5 64

FOR WOOD.

Wm. L. Kamena:	
Best Virginia pine wood, per cord...	\$14 00
FOR BOILER, SCHOOL NO. 5.	
Barclay & Fielding.....	\$585 00
FOR MASON WORK ON BOILER.	
Alex. Whan, Jr.....	\$170 00
CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, NO. 5.	
John Pustkuchen	\$590 00

CARPENTER WORK.

Robert J. Rath:	
School No. 3. \$535 00 School No. 5.	\$93 00
G. Bussanich:	
School No. 2. \$92 00 School No. 4.	\$105 00
School No. 6. 96 00 School No. 7.	70 00
School No. 8. 77 00 School No. 9.	95 00

PLUMBING WORK.

William W. Read:	
School No. 2. \$130 00 School No. 3.	\$45 00
School No. 4. 45 00 School No. 7.	36 00
School No. 8. 39 00	
James A. Marnell:	
School No. 5. \$400 00 School No. 6.	\$1250 00
School No. 9. 125 00	

PAINTING WORK.

Dirk J. Peters:	
School No. 2. \$159 00 School No. 3.	\$258 00
School No. 4. 205 00 School No. 5.	162 00
School No. 6. 133 00 School No. 7.	138 00

Thomas F. Devlin:	
School No. 8. \$293 00 School No. 9.	\$25 00

FOR ROOFING WORK.

William Meyer:	
School No. 2. \$25 00 School No. 4.	\$32 00
School No. 5. 30 00 School No. 6.	35 00
School No. 7. 32 00	

Kerr & Paradise:	
School No. 3. \$76 00 School No. 8.	\$85 00

FOR ELECTRICAL WORK.

Alexander McCabe:	
School No. 2. \$10 00 School No. 5.	\$7 00
School No. 6. 18 00	

Samuel Cross:	
School No. 3. \$37 00 School No. 4.	\$28 00
School No. 7. 40 00 School No. 8.	35 00
School No. 9. 38 50	

FOR IRON WORK.

Fagan Iron Works:	
School No. 2. \$28 00 School No. 7.	\$53 00
School No. 8. 21 00 High School.	5 00

FOR MASON WORK.

Alex. Whan, Jr.:	
School No. 2. \$110 00 School No. 3.	\$150 00
School No. 4. 120 00 School No. 6.	120 00
School No. 7. 150 00 School No. 8.	150 00
School No. 9. 150 00	

And we would further recommend that the usual bonds and agreements be drawn for the faithful performance of said contracts.

J. P. LAVERTY,
R. A. MARNELL,
RICHARD MOONEY,
Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be received and its recommendation adopted, and the vote resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken

A tie vote being the result, His Honor the Mayor cast his vote in the affirmative, and the report of the Committee and its recommendation was received and declared adopted.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Three to be known as the Committee on Schools, to which Committee the President of the Board of Education, until otherwise directed, may refer for examination and consideration matters concerning schools and school affairs, and, in conjunction with the President, shall have the right to act summarily in the interest of the public schools in cases of emergency. Said Committee to report to the Board at the regular meetings.

Mr. Laverty moved the adoption of the resolution, when Mr. Taylor made objection to such action, but the ayes and nays being called, the result was as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

A tie vote was announced by the Secretary and the President, calling on His Honor the Mayor to vote, and he voting in the affirmative, the resolution was declared adopted.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That Messrs. Richard Mooney and Richard Marnell be and they are hereby appointed as members of the Board of School Estimate for the remainder of the official year.

The roll being called on a motion to adopt, the vote resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

The Mayor casting the deciding vote (the vote being a tie) in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of Three to prepare a Manual for the Board of Education of the District of

Hoboken, to contain rules, regulations and by-laws not inconsistent with the rules of the State Board of Education, for the transaction of business and for the control and management of schools and school property, and also for the employment and discharge of Principals, teachers and other employees. Said Committee to progress its work with reasonable despatch and submit a report to the Board for action.

A motion to adopt prevailed, the vote resulting as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

His Honor the Mayor cast his vote in the affirmative, thus deciding the tie vote.

A recess for five minutes was declared and, upon reassembling, the following were

Present—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Merritt Lane, Esq., attorney for De Riso Bros., was given permission to address the Board, and urged that action be taken by the Board and relief given to his clients, in order that the work under their contract might proceed.

Presented by the Committee on Schools:

Whereas, Business Manager Clayton has submitted a certificate drawn in favor of Alexander McCabe, in payment of the contract entered into by him for the electrical work on the stage in the High School Auditorium, in the sum of two hundred and twelve dollars (\$212), and the same having been approved by the Committee, therefore be it

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Presented by the Committee on Schools:

Whereas, Business Manager Clayton has submitted a certificate drawn in favor of Alexander Whan, Jr., in the sum of five hundred and twelve dollars (\$512), in payment of the contract for the erection of a brick fence on the northerly end of the High School property, and the same having been approved by the Committee, therefore be it

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by the Committee on Schools:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of June be and the same is hereby ordered paid, subject to the deductions made by the Committee, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Barso:

Whereas, It is held to be good wisdom that whatever practical knowledge the school child can gain presages much good to the entire human family, and when that knowledge can enable the child to be a hygienic factor for the production and preservation of wholesome and sanitary conditions in everyday life to the preclusion of much ill health, misery and kindred inconveniences, every one of those children will be a force and agent for more perfect sanitation; and

Whereas, The much-dreaded house-fly, known as a distributor of noxious matter and a diffuser of disease germs, can be successfully combatted and exterminated by intelligent application to a few ordinary rules; therefore be it

Resolved, That eight thousand cards be printed in English and two thousand in Italian, bearing simple rules, for distribution to the children, with instructions to take them home and follow said rules; the same to be at the expense and under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Mr. Barso also submitted many suggestions for the elimination of breeding places of flies, and moved the adoption of the resolution, when Mr. Lavery suggested that the matter be placed in the hands of the Committee on Schools, as the United States Government had taken the matter under consideration, and it would be wise to wait. The matter was placed in the hands of the Committee.

President Lankering appointed Messrs. Lavery, Mooney and Marnell as the Committee on Schools, and Messrs. Mooney, Lavery and Marnell as the Committee on the preparation of the Manual.

The following claims were presented, having been audited by the Committee, viz:

Alex. McCabe, electric work at High School	\$67 88
Wm. Meyer, roofing.....	11 25
Public Service Corporation, electric light and power.....	171 22
Geismar-Meyer Co., janitors' supplies	35 27
Union Towel Supply Co., towels, etc.	15 53
N. H. Peters, manual training sup-	

pities	8 89
H. F. Speckman, annual training supplies	11 26
Jos. F. Cavanagh, dental supplies...	24 00

On motion, the claim of Alex. McCabe, in the sum of \$67.88, was laid aside and the reports of the Committee on the balance of the claims received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso and Taylor.

The claim of Alex. McCabe, for \$67.88, was then taken up and on motion ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

On motion of Mr. Lavery, it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on July 13, 1912.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

Session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, July 15, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The minutes of June 17, 1912, were, at the request of the Secretary, corrected so that the date of the session held last should be inserted at the beginning of said minutes, viz.: Monday evening, June 17, 1912.

The minutes of the session were adopted as corrected and printed.

The minutes of the session of June 24, 1912, were approved as printed, the reading of the same being dispensed with.

Superintendent Demarest presented reports of the deductions in the pay roll for the month of June, the attendance at the Industrial School, tardiness, that of the Medical Inspectors and Nurse, the Truant Officers' report and that of the Dentist, which reports were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted his report of the attendance in the public schools, showing an enrollment of 8,798, with an average attendance of 7,953. The report was referred to the Committee on Schools.

From the Superintendent:

Hoboken, N. J., July 15, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Miss Anna Boehrer completed two years Commercial Course in the Hoboken High School in June, 1910. In the following September she returned and took a special course, part of which was the work required of students in the third and fourth years of the Academic Course. The work completed by Miss Boehrer entitles her to \$2½ Regent's counts.

Therefore I would recommend that a special diploma be granted her for the work done by her in the four years that she attended the High School.

I would recommend that her request be granted.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

The report of the Superintendent was received and his recommendation approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest recommended that Anthony Delamater, a graduate of Maresa Hall, a grammar school connected with St.

Peter's College, be admitted to the ninth grade of the High School. The recommendation of the Superintendent was approved.

Miss Anna M. Shoemaker and Mr. Harry Smithline made application for positions as teachers in the elementary schools, and Miss Rose Gunkel for position in the Summer School, and the applications were referred to the Committee on Schools.

County Superintendent Kinsley notified the Board that he had issued an order on the County Collector in favor of the Custodian of School Moneys in the sum of \$287.11, being the balance of the railroad tax for the years 1908-9-10.

The Secretary of Local No. 164, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, desired to call the attention of the Board to the fact that Samuel Cross, to whom had been awarded a contract for electrical work, was an unfair shop, and requested the Board to take action so as to have the work done by Union men. The communication was referred to the Committee on Schools, who directed the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Cross and request him to comply with the request of the Local Union.

An invitation to attend the picnic of the Paid Firemen's Pension Fund, to take place on July 18, was received and the invitation accepted.

Principal Brandt, of the High School, notified the Board that the Misses Elizabeth Barker, Florence Beatty, Anna Greenfield, Marjorie Livingston, Stephanie Tobarski, Emilie Ward, Victoria Witusski and Mr. Thomas Mitchell, graduates of the High School, had made application to enter the State Normal School at Montclair. The communication was placed on file.

Assistant Commissioner of Education J. Bognard Betts notified the Board that Wilson Taylor, a citizen and taxpayer of Hoboken, had filed two petitions against the action of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, and requested the Board to make answer.

A proposal for the painting of all flag poles on the schools was presented by John J. Rogers and referred to the Committee on Schools.

The Business Manager submitted his report of the consumption of water, gas, electric light and power, in the various schools during the month of June; also Mr. Clayton's report of goods furnished and work done since his last report, and the reports were referred to the Committee on Schools.

The following communication was received from De Riso Bros., Inc., contractors for the erection of School No. 1, viz.:

Town of Union, N. J., July 1, 1912.
Honorable Board of Education, City of Hoboken, N. J.:

Gentlemen—As per your instructions, we hereby submit the following:

1. For changes according to new sketch, including mason work only, for extensions, two concrete stairways, two additional class rooms, including all necessary partition blocks, plastering, concreting, composition floor and base, and changes in cut stone work as per instructions from Mr. Ciccarelli, Architect, the additional sum of \$8,000.

2. Allowances: If the side and rear walls to be faced with common brick instead of as specified, we will allow \$1,600.

3. If front brick for the remaining two sides, to cost \$25 per M. delivered at building, we will allow \$450.

4. If second quality glazed brick used for interior instead of as specified, we will allow \$125.

5. If fire escapes in rear are omitted, we will allow \$2,800.

6. If all sash and frames specified as steel be changed to wood, we will allow \$2,700.

We figure on furnishing and setting the wood frames and sash and not including any painting.

7. If Buchartz long-span floor system is used instead of as specified, we will allow \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) DE RISO BROS.,

FRANK G. DE RISO, Treasurer.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Schools.

Applications were presented from twenty-three pupils asking for exemption from attending school and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

A recess was then declared and, upon re-assembling, the following were

Present—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by Mr. Barso:

Resolved, That the several school yards connected with the school buildings, which are found available by the Committee on Schools, be opened as playgrounds for the benefit of the children in the vicinity of the various schools, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., under the supervision of the janitors.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Schools:

Whereas, By virtue of Article VI, Section 53, of the State School Law, entitled "An

Act to establish a thorough and efficient system of free public schools and to provide for the maintenance, support and management thereof," approved October 19, 1903, power is given to Boards of Education, after the first day of July and before of first day of January, to borrow a sum not exceeding one-half of the amount appropriated for current expenses of the schools and for the repair of school houses under their control, and to execute and deliver promissory notes therefor, together with interest thereon at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum; and

Whereas, The moneys appropriated by the State for current expenses of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, the amount of which is \$241,974.69, are not available; and

Whereas, One-half of the amount now due or about to become due, amounts to \$120,987.34; and

Whereas, It is necessary to provide for the payment of salaries of all employees for the months of July and August, 1912, and the repair of school houses under their control, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education borrow the sum of sixty thousand dollars and execute and deliver a promissory note therefor, on demand, with interest thereon at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum; and be it further

Resolved, That the said note be paid as soon as the said appropriation is due and available for that purpose, and that the said note be signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Education of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson and State of New Jersey.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

By the Committee on Schools:

Resolved, That the pay rolls for the months of July and August, 1912, be and the same are hereby ordered paid; and be it further

Resolved, That separate orders for the amounts of each pay roll be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same, and that the Secretary be empowered to pay said salaries for said mentioned months.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Schools:

Resolved, That the contract for the winding, regulating of all clocks, the furnishing of batteries for the electrical clocks and keeping the same in repair, be and is hereby awarded to Henry W. Grote, for the period

of one year, for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarterly.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on Schools:

Resolved, That the contract for the tuning, care and ordinary repair of the pianos in the several schools, be and the same is hereby awarded to John Tiscornia, said contract to run for the period of one year, for the sum of one hundred and forty dollars.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following claims, having been referred to the Committee on Schools, were reported correct by them, viz.:

Hudson Observer, minutes, June 24..	\$76 50
Anthony Capelli, rent, July and August	50 00
R. Kirchgessner, decorations.....	15 00
N. Y. Telephone Co., contract, July.	66 80
A. S. Schiller, insurance, No. 7.....	97 50
Leo Mayer, insurance, Nos. 6 and 7.	160 00
Robert J. Rath, repairs, No. 4 and High School	28 51
Consolidated Iron Works, repairs at No. 9	1 50

On motion the report of the Committee was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The Committee of the Whole, to whom had been referred the applications of school children to be exempted from attending school, reported that they recommend that the following named pupils be exempted until September 7, 1912, after which their cases would be investigated and possibly permanent certificates issued:

August Wilhelms, Harold Emery, John Ross, Lester Pierson, George Young, Lena Ardito, Arthur Hackenberg, John Gerken, Ernest Brandt, Clara Detreggio, Lena Nongiorno, Carl Bolster, Ida Molinary, Katharine Lockle, Edward Lindemann, Leo Sifola, Bes-sie Carlock, Edward Hendrickson, William Cramer, Kate Leudecke, Frederick Hubner, Leo Zillick and Voncent De Mora.

On motion the recommendation of the Committee that certificates be issued, only available until September 7, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

On motion of Mr. Lavery it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, August 19, 1912, at eight o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

Session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, August 19, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The reading of the minutes of the session of July 15, 1912, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

A communication from Richard Bowes, Collector of Revenue, enclosing bills for arrearers of taxes of the year 1909, upon the site of the High School, which at that time was under condemnation, and which J. G. Wendell, the former owner of the property, had failed to recognize, asking that the Board of Education make provision for the payment of said taxes, was received and, on motion, the matter was placed in the hands of the Corporation Attorney.

Mr. Charles A. Hermans, in a communication, declined being considered as a prospective appointee as a teacher in the High School at this time, because of press of other important business.

The communication was placed on file.

The following communication was presented and read:

Hoboken, N. J., July 15, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Having been appointed as a teacher in the public schools of the City of Hoboken on August 14, 1871, and having taught continuously for a period of forty-one years in said city, I would respectfully petition your Honorable Body to retire me as a teacher, under the act of the Legislature, approved April 12, 1906, and grant me the pension under said act, to take effect September 1, 1912.

With sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me during that period, I am

Respectfully yours,

MARY E. LAWLER.

(Signed)

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Schools.

Applications were presented from the following named, asking to be considered as applicants for positions as teachers in the Evening Schools during the coming fall and winter, viz.: Miss Alice Doran, Miss Jessie McCammond, Mrs. Margaret Luhrs, Mr. D. Simon, Mr. Frank Klein, Mr. Lucyan Taistra.

The applications were placed on file.

Mr. Frank Klein asked to be raised to a higher grade, and his request was referred to the Committee on Schools.

Miss C. Mulqueen asked for a leave of

absence for six months, and Miss K. Funcheon asked for an extended leave of absence to February, 1913, without pay, and, on motion, their requests were granted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Mr. H. L. Elick, instructor in the Manual Training Department of the High School, submitted his resignation as a teacher, to take effect September 1, 1912, and, on motion, the resignation was accepted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Mrs. Lorena Decker presented her resignation as a teacher in the elementary schools, and, on motion, the resignation was accepted to take effect September 1, 1912, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Miss Marie Moore presented her resignation as a teacher in School No. 6, to take effect September 1, 1912, which, on motion, was accepted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Business Manager Clayton presented his monthly report of repairs ordered and in work completed since his last report, July 15, as follows:

School No. 2: All contracts completed, with the exception of the plumbing work; in laying the concrete floor in the cellar, a door and jambs were rotted and he had ordered them removed and new ones set.

School No. 3: All work completed, except the painting, which would be finished during the present week.

School No. 4: All work completed.

School No. 5: The old boiler had been removed and the new one was now on the premises and mechanics were at work setting the same; the plumbing contractor had installed new steam lines, the returns being carried above the playground floor; the mason contractor will be ready to brick boiler in as soon as same is set. After the contractor for the concrete sidewalk had reset his curbing, it was found that the curb was below the grade established by the City Engineer under a contract let by the Mayor and Council, and the attention of the Committee on Schools was called to this, and by them an allowance of \$50 was made for the resetting of curb, to conform with the new grade. The Committee

decided to dispense with the iron fence around the building.

School No. 6: The contractors have completed their work, with the exception of the placing of bowls in the boys' toilet room; it was decided to paint the transom windows white, instead of having shades on same, and the work was ordered and given to the painting contractor. It was found necessary to have the piers and arches supporting the cupola repaired, the same having become loose and infirm.

School No. 7: Except that the motor has to be reset on the new concrete floor, all work in this building is complete.

School No. 8: With the exception of the painting work and the replacing of mullions around eighteen window frames, all work is complete.

School No. 9: This building is now ready for occupancy.

High School: The contractor for the driving of an artesian well has bored 275 feet below the surface, and I have issued a certificate for one hundred feet of the work executed.

The report of the Business Manager was placed on file.

The Committee on Schools submitted the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Aug. 19, 1912.

To the Honorable Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee would report concerning School No. 5. After the commencement of the concrete sidewalk work, the Mayor and Council awarded a contract for the repaving of Clinton street, between First and Second streets, which carried with it the raising of the grade of Clinton street. It was deemed expedient to order the cement sidewalk contractor to elevate the sidewalk to conform to the new grade of the street, also to raise the curb and secure the same against damage pending the street repaving work, at a cost of \$50 increase over his contract price.

It was determined that the iron fence which surrounded the school, and taken down to permit the laying of the cement walk, should be permanently removed, with the exception of that section enclosing the school yard, the contractor to allow a reduction of \$30 from his contract figure, the estimated cost of replacing the fence.

The abandoned fence was ordered sold for \$65, which amount has been turned over to the Secretary, whose receipt is in the hands of the Committee.

Respectfully,

(Signed by the Committee.)

The report of the Committee as received and their action approved.

Presented by the Committee on Schools:

Hoboken, N. J., Aug. 19, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee would report concerning School No. 6. The cupola was found to be in a dangerous condition, shattered and broken, evidently injured at the time it was struck by lightning, but not visible until cupola was stripped for repairs to the tiling, under a contract recently awarded.

It was found that some of the shades on the window transoms were missing, many of them were torn and useless. It was determined to paint these window transoms white as a cheaper proposition than supplying new shades.

Respectfully,

J. P. LAVERTY,

R. A. MARNELL,

R. MOONEY.

Committee on Schools.

The report of the Committee was received and their action approved.

The following was submitted by the Committee on Schools:

Hoboken, N. J., Aug. 19, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—On receipt of the usual requisitions for supplies of text books and stationery, the Committee reviewed the same and discovered a wide variation in the demands made by the several Principals of the schools. Extravagance instead of economy being the rule, a lack of uniformity as to quantity everywhere apparent.

The Committee directed the Business Manager to visit the schools and tabulate the supplies in the offices of the Principals.

New books required by some schools were found in large quantities in other schools. By transferring such books many requisitions were filled without purchasing from the publishers. An accumulation of new books on abstract and supplementary subjects was found grossly in excess of requirements in many schools.

The inquiry of the Committee was most exhaustive, and many minor discrepancies and extravagancies were disclosed which it is expected can be corrected in the future.

An order of books and stationery has been prepared which the Committee believes will secure an adequate supply for school purposes.

The Superintendent is instructed to admonish the Principals on the necessity of a closer supervision over the preparation of requisitions for books and supplies, and to avoid having on hand an excessive quantity of new books and stationery; to practice economy without sacrificing efficiency.

A fair estimate of the pruning done to the list of supplies wanted is to the school system

of Hoboken, a saving in the purchases to be made, of an amount aggregating twenty-five hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. P. LAVERTY,
R. A. MARNELL,
R. MOONEY.

Committee on Schools.

The report of the Committee was received and their action approved.

The condition of the sidewalk around the High School building was called to the attention of the Board, and, on motion of Mr. Laverty, the Business Manager was directed to notify the bondsman of the American Construction Co., to have their client place the same in condition.

Presented by the Committee on Schools:

Hoboken, N. J., Aug. 19, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Yoru Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Miss Mary E. Lawler, asking that she be retired as a teacher, under the act of the Legislature, amended 1906, and that she be granted a pension under said act, would report that we have carefully examined the records of the school department, and she having taught for a period of forty-one years continuously in the City of Hoboken, would recommend that she be retired and granted the pension requested, under the statute. Said retirement to date from September 1, 1912.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. P. LAVERTY,
R. A. MARNELL,
R. MOONEY.

Committee on Schools.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and their recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Claims for repairs done and supplies furnished, aggregating the sum of \$10,000, were presented and referred to the Committee on Schools for examination and audit.

A recess was then declared and, upon re-assembling, the following were

Present—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Messrs. Laverty and Taylor: Resolved, That the certificate submitted by Business Manager Clayton in favor of the N. Y. & N. J. Well Company, in the sum of three hundred and sixty (\$360) dollars, be ordered paid, provided the surety bond or a duplicate bond in place of the original be furnished, before the warrant or the payment of said certificate is signed by the President and Secretary.

Adopted by the fololwing vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by Messrs. Lankering, Laverty, Marnell and Mooney:

Whereas, In compliance with the request of Miss Mary E. Lawler to retire her as a teacher, she having taught continuously in the schools of Hoboken, N. J., for a period of forty-one years and more, and in pursuance of the act of the Legislature, approved April, 1906, the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, N. J., has by resolution adopted, retired her as a teacher and granted her a pension in accordance with said statute; and

Whereas, In this separation the Board of Education, the great body of teachers, and especially the faculty of the High School, will have lost the valued and ever ready co-operation and kindly admonition and advice of an ardent, efficient, painstaking and faithful coworker, whose sole aim and ambition was the intellectual and moral betterment of those who were committed to her care as an educator and guide; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we regret exceedingly that Miss Lawler feels the necessity for taking this step and having a sincere regard for her future welfare and career, we desire to give expression to our appreciation of her valued services to the cause of education in our city, particularly in the betterment of the conditions in her peculiar sphere and work in the High School, and also to the kindly concern and interest sincerely entertained for her by the members of the Board of Education; and be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be spread in full on the minutes of the Board, and a copy thereof, suitably engrossed and bound, be presented to Miss M. E. Lawler as a token of our heartfelt esteem.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the preamble and resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

By the Committee on Schools:

Resolved, That the Misses Hortense Smith, Cora Everett and May Allen be and they are hereby appointed as teachers in the elementary department of the schools of this city, on probation, at an annual salary of six hundred dollars, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect September 1st, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

By the Committee on Schools:

Resolved, That Miss Ida Housman be and she is hereby appointed as a teacher of mathematics in the High School, to take the place of Miss M. E. Lawler, made vacant by her retirement, on probation, at an annual salary of thirteen hundred dollars, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect September 1st, 1912; said annual salary to be increased according to the schedule for female teachers in the High School.

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Barso:

Whereas, The City of Hoboken is the one city of the State whose schools after school hours are not given over to the citizens at large for purposes of relaxation and recreation; and

Whereas, The two Social Centre evenings of last year, the first to be held in this city, were unanimously pronounced an immediate and unqualified success, both by the public and in the public press; the great crowds attending the affairs, their exemplary conduct and very evident enjoyment being an unmistakable testimonial of their worth and lasting benefit; and

Whereas, The popularity of the idea has created an insistent demand for its continuance; therefore

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Education appoint a committee to act in conjunction with the existing School Extension Committee for the legitimate furtherance of the Social Centre Idea.

On motion of Mr. Lavery the resolution was referred to the Committee on Schools in conjunction with Mr. Barso.

The following claims were reported correct by the Committee on Schools:

James J. Keeny, cartage.....	\$13 00
Jas. A. Marnell, plumbing work at No. 5, No. 9.....	214 33
James Whalen, mason work at No. 6	165 13
Geo. Mickens, recharging fire extinguisher	4 00
Thos. F. Devlin, painting work at No. 6.....	59 50
B. McGovern, plumbing at No. 2...	30 21
Geo. Hoffmann, medical and dental supplies	265 80
The Hudson Observer, minutes, July 15, and blanks	109 76
Francis J. Ross, janitors' supplies..	318 62
Public Service Corp., electric light and gas, June	119 55

N. Y. Telephone Co., contract, &c., August	66 56
J. H. Kruse, insurance on No. 7..	130 00
T. J. Leahy, insurance on No. 7..	97 50
A. S. Schiller, insurance on No. 7...	32 50
Indian Alkali Works, janitor's supplies, High School	24 54
Wm. Meyer, roofing contracts.....	154 00
Kerr & Paradise, roofing contracts..	161 00
Alex. Whan, Jr., mason contract....	950 00
Dirk J. Peters, painting contract..	635 00
J. M. Patterson, janitors' supplies...	4 40
Jos. H. Browne, janitors' supplies..	105 06
Robt. J. Rath, carpenter contract..	694 59
Gustav Bussanich, carpenter contracts	443 00
Gustav Bussanich, repairs at No. 2, No. 7, No. 8.....	179 83
Wm. L. Kamena, coal to No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 6.....	2,112 96
Wm. L. Kamena, coal to No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, High School.....	2,163 72
Wm. Bindewald, janitors' supplies..	62 54
Wm. Bindewald, stationery.....	495 33

On motion the reports of the Committee on Schools were received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Committee on Schools:

Whereas, By virtue of Article VI, Section 55, of the State School Law, entitled "An Act to establish a thorough and efficient system of free public schools, and to provide for their maintenance, support and management thereof," approved October 19th, power is given to Boards of Education, after the first day of July and before the first day of January, to borrow a sum not exceeding one-half of the amount appropriated for the current expenses of the schools and for the repair of schoolhouses under their control, and to execute and deliver promissory notes therefor, together with interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum; and

Whereas, The moneys appropriated by the State for current expenses of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, the amount of which is \$241,974.69 are not available; and

Whereas, One-half of the amount now due or about to become due for current expenses from the State appropriation amounts to \$120,987.34; and

Whereas, The Board of Education has already borrowed the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) on this, thereby leaving the sum of sixty thousand nine hundred and

eightyseven dollars and thirty-four cents (\$80,987.34) which the Board may yet borrow; and

Whereas, It is necessary that the Board provide for the payment of claims and contracts for the repair of schoolhouses under their control, the amount of which approximates the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), including the claims for fuel, etc.; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education borrow the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and execute and deliver a promissory note therefor, on demand, together with interest thereon, at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum; and be it further

Resolved, That the said note be paid as soon as the said appropriation becomes due and available for said purpose, and that the President and Secretary sign said note in the name of the Board of Education of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson and State of New Jersey.

On motion the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Mr. Taylor called the attention of the Board to a claim of Eugene Ciccarelli, which had been in litigation, and moved that the same be paid and the ayes and nays being called on the motion, the same was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Lavery, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Mr. Lavery moved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, September 9th, 1912, at eight o'clock.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Meeting of the Board of Education, called for the purpose of organization, held on Tuesday evening, September 3d, 1912, under the supplement to the State School Law, approved April 2d, 1912.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Kerr, who announced the purpose of the meeting and read the following communications, viz:

Mayor's Office, Hoboken, N. J.

Hoboken, N. J., Aug. 30th, 1912.

Mr. William A. Kerr,

Secretary Board of Education,

District of Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sir.—By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor, and in pursuance to the decision of J. Broghard Betts, Esq., Assistant Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey, recently rendered, wherein he decides that the appointment made by me, on June 14th, 1912, of four members to the Board of Education, was illegal and that the said Board is now composed of four members and is now without a quorum, and in conformity with the supplement to the State School Law (Chapter 370, pp. 655, P. L. 1912), approved April 2d, 1912, I have this day appointed Messrs. James P. Laverty, Richard A. Marnell, Richard Mooney, Robert H. Alberts and George Lankering, as members of the Board of Education of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, to fill the vacancies existing, because of said decision, to serve as such until February 1st, 1913.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) MARTIN COOKE,
Mayor.

The communication was ordered spread in full on the minutes of the Board.

From the City Clerk, viz.:

City Clerk's Office, Hoboken, N. J.

September 3d, 1912.

Mr. William A. Kerr,

Secretary Board of Education,

District of Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sir.—I beg leave to notify you that His Honor, Mayor Cooke, has appointed Messrs. James P. Laverty, Richard A. Marnell, Richard Mooney, Robert H. Alberts and George Lankering, as members of the Board of Education of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, to serve as such until February 1st, 1913, and they have duly qualified by filling the necessary oath of office as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JAMES P. LONDRIGAN,
City Clerk

The communication was ordered spread in full on the minutes.

The roll was then called and the following answered to their names:

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Absent—Mr. Barso.

The following call for the meeting was then read:

Hoboken, N. J., Aug. 30th, 1912.

Mr. William A. Kerr,

Secretary Board of Education.

Dear Sir.—Having been appointed as members of the Board of Education of the District of Hoboken by His Honor, Mayor Cooke, under Chapter 370, pp. 655, P. L. 1912, and having duly qualified as such, according to the statute made and provided, we request you to call a meeting of the Board, to be held on Tuesday evening, September 3d, 1912, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of organization.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) J. P. LAVERTY,
ROBERT H. ALBERTS,
RICHARD MOONEY,
RICHARD MARNELL,
GEO. LANKERING.

The call was placed on file.

The Secretary announced the first business in order would be the election of a President and invited nominations, whereupon Mr. Mooney placed in nomination Mr. George Lankering, and he being the only nominee, was duly elected by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Barso.

Excused from Voting—Mr. Lankering.

The next business in order being the election of a Vice-President, Mr. Marnell placed in nomination Mr. Robert H. Alberts, and he being the only nominee, was duly elected by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Barso.

Excused from Voting—Mr. Alberts.

The Secretary requested Mr. Taylor and Mr. Mooney to escort Mr. Lankering to the chair of the President.

President Lankering assumed the position of President of the Board and in some well-chosen remarks, thanking the members for the honor conferred, entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The following was presented by Mr. Lav-

erty:

Resolved, That the Manual which was adopted April, 1907, and which governed the Board prior to January, 1912, with the exception of such provisions as may conflict with the State School Law be and the same is hereby adopted for the guidance of the present Board of Education, until such time as the same may be revised or a new Manual adopted.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Barso.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Absent—Mr. Barso.

Presented by Mr. Lavery:

Whereas, The School Law of New Jersey (Section 73, pp. 34 P. L. 1903), approved October 19th, 1903, provides for the appointment by the Board of Education, of two of its members, who, together with two members of the Common Council and His Honor, the Mayor, shall constitute a board, to be known as the "Board of School Estimate," and

Whereas, Under the supplement to the School Law (Chapter 370, pp. 655, P. L. 1912), approved April 2d, 1912, the Board of Education of the District of Hoboken, is now properly and legally organized, therefore be it

Resolved, That Messrs. Alberts and Marnell be and they are hereby appointed as members of the Board of School Estimate of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Barso.

The President announced he would at this time appoint standing committees, and presented the following, which was read:

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 3d, 1912.

To the Honorable Board of Education.

Gentlemen.—In accordance with the Manual of the Board of Education, adopted for the governance of the Board, I do hereby appoint the following committees to act as standing committees, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL GOVERNMENT.

Mooney, Alberts, Lavery, Marnell.

COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Alberts.

COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

Marnell, Mooney, Lavery, Alberts.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Alberts, Mooney, Marnell, Lavery.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) GEORGE LANKERING,

President.

On motion of Mr. Lavery the Board adjourned, to meet on Monday evening, September 9, 1912, at eight o'clock.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, September 9, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest submitted the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 9, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Subject to your approval, I have made the following assignments and transfers of teachers, viz.:

Assignments—

Miss Cora Everett to School No. 7.

Miss Hortense Smith to School No. 8.

Miss May Allen to School No. 7.

Transfers—

Miss F. Yeaton from No. 8 to No. 5.

Miss G. Judge from No. 8 to No. 6.

Miss H. Gonzales from No. 5 to No. 9.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,

Superintendent.

On motion, the action of the Superintendent was approved.

The following announcement was made by the Superintendent

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 9, 1912.

The Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—It becomes my painful duty to report the death of Mr. Michael V. Darcy, Assistant Janitor of School No. 7, which occurred September 2, 1912.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,

Superintendent.

The report of the Superintendent was placed on file.

Miss Dora Ahrens presented her resignation, to take effect September 1, and Miss Charlotte Thaw presented her resignation, to take effect September 12, 1912, and, on motion, they were accepted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Mrs. Alice Mills, a teacher in School No. 7, made application for retirement as a teacher, having taught continuously for a period of forty-three years in the City of Hoboken, and asked that she be granted a pension under the statute.

The petition was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Applications were presented from Miss Elizabeth McKnight for position as Kinder-

gartner, and from Miss Sabina Rynk as teacher in the elementary schools, and placed on file.

Miss Emma Zenneck made application for appointment as a teacher, being a State Normal graduate, and her application was placed on file.

The following made application for appointment as teachers in the Evening Schools for 1912-1913, viz.:

Mrs. F. Marx, Mrs. E. S. Knapp, the Misses Irene Guisto, Agnes Patterson, Marie Rechert, A. Tschinkel, Mrs. C. Dottermusch, the Misses C. Seib, Minnie Birch and the Messrs. O. Hoch, Alfred G. Moon, F. C. Krause, Frank J. Davey, R. W. Krass.

The several applications were referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. Merritt Lane called the attention of the Board to the fact that he had presented claims for legal services in the case of Waddington vs. the Board of Education, and Fagan vs. the Board of Education and Inquirer. The communication of Mr. Lane was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. E. F. Brandes, in a communication, submitted a copy of charges which he had filed with the Assistant Commissioner of Education against the Board, relative to his dismissal as a teacher of German, together with an affidavit as to the truthfulness of his complaint. Edward F. Sylvester, counsel for Mr. Brandes, also filed a copy of the specifications made in the complaint of Mr. Brandes.

The Secretary was directed to prepare an answer to the complaint and charge of Mr. Brandes and place the matter in the hands of the Corporation Attorney.

Assistant Commissioner J. Brognard Betts, in a communication, notified the Board that he had received a complaint against the Board from Mr. E. F. Brandes for his dismissal as a teacher of German. Mr. Betts requested that the matter be brought to the notice of the Board and that answer be filed at his office in Trenton as early as possible.

The communication of the Assistant Commissioner was ordered placed in the hands of the Corporation Attorney, together with the other papers in the case.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following claims were reported correct by the various committee and presented: A Marnell, toilets, No. 6, contract, \$1,250 00 Alex. McCabe, electrical work, No. 2,

No. 5, No. 6, No. 7..... 57 54

A. H. Altschul, janitors' supplies...	30 55
Alex. Whan, Jr., boiler work at No. 5, contract	470 00
Alex. Whan, Jr., repairs at No. 5...	41 50
Wm. W. Read, plumbing contract...	305 79
Thos. F. Devlin, painting contracts...	358 90
Fagan Iron Works, iron work contract	107 00
The Lauter Co., moving piano.....	6 00
Samuel Cross, electrical work, contract	178 50
Revere Rubber Co., janitors' supplies	26 68
James Whalen, repairs to boilers, High School	65 33
Dirk J. Peters, painting, contract...	420 00
Henry Peters, Jr., ice to office.....	9 40
Hoadley-Farmer Co., janitors' supplies	2 42
N. Y. Telephone Co., contract, September	61 43
Spohn & Wittenberg, furniture.....	66 10
Wm. L. Kamena, wood	28 00
Jacob Sosower, shades and repairs..	82 50
John J. Rogers, painting kagpoles...	78 50
John Pustkuchen, resetting curb at No. 5	92 00
S. W. Crawford, insurance on No. 7.	48 75

On motion, the reports of the committees were received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

The following named pupils, on recommendation of the Committee on School Government, were granted permission to leave school, viz.: Paul Synker, Veronica Stark, Lillian Stegeman, Alice Stephens, Augusta Schmeideberg, Elenore Garbarino, Leo Sifola, Kate Leudecke, Robert James, Ella Arendo, Alvina Mardroff, Edward Hendrickson, Augusta Paasch, Mathilda Greve and William Neubauer.

From the Committee on School Government:

Hoboken, N. J., September 9th, 1912

To the Hon the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on School Government, to whom was referred the request of Mrs. Alice Mills, a teacher in Public School No. 7, to be retired as a teacher, she having taught in the schools of this city for a period of forty-three years, and desiring that she be granted a pension, under the statute, approved April 12, 1906, would report that we have examined the records of the school department and find that her statement is true and would recommend that she be retired and granted a pension, as provided in said statute.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. P. LAVERTY.

RICHARD MOONEY.
RICHARD A. MARNELL.
ROBT. H. ALBERTS,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was received and its recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Lavery:

Resolved, That the regular stated sessions of the Board of Education be held on the third Monday in each month, at eight o'clock p. m., and that the regular committee meetings be held on the Thursday evening preceding the stated sessions of the Board; and be it further

Resolved, That all claims against the Board must be handed to the Secretary on or before the regular committee meeting in order to be given consideration at the stated session of the Board.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Lavery:

Whereas, At the session of the Board held on August 19th, 1912, a certificate in favor of the N. Y. & N. J. Well Company, in the sum of three hundred and sixty (\$360) dollars, was submitted by Business Manager Clayton and the same was ordered paid, provided the bond and agreement for the work was submitted; and

Whereas, Upon the submission of the bond and agreement, it was discovered that payment should be made only on completion of the work under the contract; therefore be it

Resolved, That the action of the Board taken on August 19th, 1912, be rescinded and the vote by which said resolution was adopted reconsidered.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Lavery:

Resolved, That the Evening High School be divided into two terms of forty (40) nights each; that the first term shall begin October 7th, 1912, and continue until December 17th; that the second term begin on January 6th, 1913, and shall continue until March 19th, 1913; and be it further

Resolved, That the students shall make application at the High School for admis-

ion during the week commencing September 30th, 1912, between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 p. m.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the Elementary Evening school be opened in School No. 4 on Monday evening, October 14th, 1912, and that the sessions be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of each week; that the pupils be enrolled for admission from October 7th to October 11th, 1912, inclusive, between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 p. m.; and be it further

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to prepare the usual posters for distribution throughout the city.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, There has been established in the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Board of Education, a Manual Training and Industrial Department, the course of study of which has been approved; and

Whereas, The Board of School Estimate of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, has fixed and appropriated the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for the maintenance of said department; therefore be it

Resolved, That the State Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to issue an order in favor of the Custodian of School Moneys of the District of Hoboken, in an amount equal to said appropriation.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, There has been established a public evening school for the instruction of foreign born residents of the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, who are over the age of fourteen years, in the English language, the form of government and the laws of the State and the United States; and

Whereas, the course of study for said school has been approved by the State Board of Education, and the teachers to be

employed therein hold valid certificates to teach in said school; and

Whereas, The sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars has been fixed and appropriated for the maintenance of said school by the Board of School Estimate of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson; therefore be it

Resolved, That the State Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to issue an order for an equal amount, approved by the State Board, in favor of the Custodian of School Moneys for the District of Hoboken, N. J.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Mooney.

Resolved, That the Superintendent be empowered to arrange the usual Free Public Lecture Course for the season 1912-1913.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Marnell.

Resolved, That Jos. F. Brandt be and he is hereby appointed as Principal of the Evening High School, at a salary of Six dollars per night, while actually so employed.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Laverty.

Whereas, In view of the fact that certain changes in the plans and specifications for the erection of a school building to be known as School No. 1 are deemed advisable and in order that these proposed changes may cover any and all possible improvements on the original plans, therefore be it

Resolved, That John T. Rowland, Jr., be engaged as consulting architect for the Board in this matter, whose duty it shall be to go over the plans and specifications, and thereafter report in writing and recommend to the Board what changes, in his opinion, would be necessary and advisable in order to lessen the cost of construction to increase the capacity of the structure and to insure for the school children the greatest convenience and safety.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wen-

delken

Presented by Mr. Taylor.

Resolved, That the claim of Eugene Ciccarelli for a sum due him, for work and expenses in making plans for School No. 9, be settled for the sum of Six thousand five hundred (\$6,500) dollars and interest as recommended by the Counsel of this Board; and be it further

Resolved, That a bond issue on School No. 9 be issued in payment of the same.

Mr. Wendelken moved to amend by referring the matter to the Committee of the

Whole in conjunction with the Corporation Attorney for consideration and advice, and the amendment was accepted by Mr. Taylor the resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Laverty the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERN,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, September 16, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Farnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelen and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest submitted the following report of the attendance and enrollment in the public schools, as of date September 16, 1912, viz.

School No. 1.....	800
School No. 2.....	910
School No. 3.....	758
School No. 4.....	890
School No. 5.....	702
School No. 6.....	1,113
School No. 7.....	794
School No. 8.....	1,684
School No. 9.....	1,240
High School	465

Total enrollment 9,356

The report of the Superintendent was placed on file.

Superintendent Demarest presented the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 16, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education: Gentlemen—Subject to your approval, the following named non-resident pupils have been admitted to the High School, viz.:

Roger Bontemps, Weehawken, N. J.
Edward Van Zile, Weehawken, N. J.
Shas. Kraeft, Highwood Park, N. J.
Herbert Fanning, Weehawken, N. J.
Fred. Thyssen, Weehawken, N. J.
Russell Meixell, Weehawken, N. J.
Margaret Raabe, Weehawken, N. J.
Ella Hirsch, Weehawken, N. J.
Miriam Greene, Weehawken, N. J.
Virginia Schulz, Weehawken, N. J.
Genivan Baltzley, Weehawken, N. J.
May O'Brien, Woodcliff, N. J.
Marjorie Barrall, Secaucus, N. J.
Marion Boulanger, Secaucus, N. J.
Helen Kennelly, Secaucus, N. J.
Bessie Borchers, Secaucus, N. J.
Anna Zengel, Secaucus, N. J.
Carl J. Vogt, Grandview, N. J.
Findor Grindling, Grandview, N. J.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

The report of the Superintendent was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Superintendent Demarest submitted a report of the result of an examination of

Frederic Boehme, Chas. Esser and Louise Johnson, pupils who were conditioned in the subjects in which they failed at the June examinations for admission to the High School, and recommended that the pupils who successfully passed receive the usual diplomas of graduation and that their names be placed among the names of the June (1912) Grammar School graduates.

The report of the Superintendent was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. A. Vischer made application to have the map of Central America placed on the authorized list, for use in the schools, and the application was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Business Manager Clayton submitted his report of the amount of gas, electric light and power, also water, used in the several schools as per the indications of the metres.

The report was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Business Manager Clayton reported on the condition and progress of the repairs, etc., in the various schools, as follows:

Contracts: The entire work as awarded under the contracts on June 24, 1912, for the repairs to the several school buildings, is now entirely completed, and I have submitted certificates for these contracts, together with the incidental repairs, to the amount of \$9,203.87.

Sidewalk at High School: In compliance with your instructions of August 19, relative to the condition of the sidewalk at the High School building, will report that on August 20 I communicated with the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company relative to their bond as surety of the American Construction Co., the contractors for the work in question. In reply I received a communication, dated August 29, from Mr. Leonidas Dennis, counselor for the above named bonding company, in which he stated he would endeavor to locate contractors.

I received an additional communication, dated September 3, from the same gentleman, in which he stated he had been unable to locate the contractors and requested information as to the work performed, together with an approximate cost of same, and in reply I have furnished the following information:

"About 7,500 square feet to be refinished and the cost of same will probably be about ten or twelve cents per square foot."

Tablet, main entrance High School: On August 31 a bronze tablet, to replace the one removed from the main entrance, was delivered, and upon examination I found the tablet to be a very poor specimen of work-

manship, the letters being irregular in size and form, no punctuation marks shown and spacing not uniform. I wrote to Messrs. W. H. & F. W. Cane, Inc., regarding the same and have as yet received no reply.

Artesian well, High School: In my report of August 19, I noted the loss of a drill in the bore of the new artesian well at the High School, also that the depth of the bore at that time was 275 feet. Will report that a test of the volume of water in the bore was made on August 31, the pump beginning at 11:15 a. m. and continuing until 12 m. Then pumping was resumed at 2:25 p. m. and continued until 3 p. m. The test was made with a 4-inch pipe and a 4-inch single piston pump with a stroke length of 12 inches and a velocity of thirty strokes per minute, which was about .83 gallons per stroke, or equal, approximately, to 24.93 gallons per minute, the bore being pumped free of water during both periods. The drill lost was recovered after grappling for same 18 days. The depth of the bore is now 292 feet, progress in drilling being very slow.

Boiler at School No. 5—On September 13 I made a cold water test of the new boiler, at a pressure of 46 pounds, and found that all requirements were met. On September 14th, the steam test as specified in the contract was made, also the steam pipes, at a pressure of 30 pounds, and found to conform with the specifications and contract.

The Business Manager also reported minor repairs at other schools and the placing of 24 kindergarten chairs in School No. 3.

The report of the Business Manager was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

The Misses Freda Starkweather, Elizabeth Crosson, Nellie Slack and Lillian Jergens declined appointment as teachers, and this being the second time they had declined their names were dropped from the authorized list.

Applications for positions as teachers in the Evening Schools were received from the following named: The Misses E. C. Hiney, Agnes Patterson, Irene Gulisto, C. Seib, Laura Honey, A. Tschinkel, Mr. W. R. Beckhorn and Mrs. E. S. Knapp, and referred to the Committee on School Government.

The Misses Freda Seyd and Minnie Birch asked for appointment as teachers in the elementary schools, and their applications were referred to the Committee on School Government.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following claims were reported correct by the various committees:

A. S. Schiller, insurance, No. 7.....	\$66 38
Miller Bros. Cutlery Co., supplies, contract	141 75
Alex. McCabe, electrical work at High School	15 75
The Furst Co., janitors' supplies...	60 41
J. E. Kenna, locks, etc., office.....	8 00
Jas. McFeely, resetting flags, No. 1	15 00
Hudson Observer, minutes, August 16, September 3-9.....	157 20
Hudson Observer, printing report cards	23 00
L. T. H. Shafer, expenses, Court Chancery	8 00
James A. Marnell, plumbing contract, No. 5.....	400 00
Barclay & Fielding, new boiler, No. 5, contract.....	585 00

On motion the reports of the various committees were received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following claims having been laid aside, were taken up, and the committees reporting and recommending the payment thereof, as follows:

Merrit Lane, counsel fees, Wad-dington vs. Board of Education..	\$240 20
Merrit Lane, counsel fees, Fagan vs. Board of Education	39 98
George Pinner, glazing, No. 8, No. 2, No. 6, High School.....	153 55
S. Bloomberg, glazing, No. 3, No. 5, No. 7, No. 9, High School.....	197 40

The recommendation of the committees was on motion approved and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by the Committee on School Government:

Hoboken, N. J., September 16, 1912.
To the Hon. the Board of Education.

Gentlemen—Your Committee on School Government to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent in reference to three pupils, viz: Frederic Boehme, Charles Esser and Louise Johnson, who were conditioned in the subjects in which they failed at the June examinations for admission to the High School, would report that we have examined the percentages obtained and approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and recommend that Louise Johnson and Charles Esser be graduated

and the usual diplomas granted them.

(Signed)

RICHARD MOONEY,
R. A. MARNELL,
J. P. LAVERTY,
ROBT. H. ALBERTS,
Committee.

The report of the committee was received and its recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering

Nays—None.

From the Committee on School Government:

Hoboken, N. J., September 16th, 1912.

To the Hon. the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on School Government to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent as to non-resident pupils entered in the High School, would report that we have examined the list submitted, and finding sufficient room for pupils over and above that required for our own graduates, would recommend that the non-resident pupils named be admitted into the High School upon payment of the tuition fee fixed for non-resident pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) RICHARD MOONEY,
R. A. MARNELL,
J. P. LAVERTY,
ROBT. H. ALBERTS,
Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was received and its recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Wendelken:

Whereas, There is an increasing demand for a wider use of public school buildings for public uses as witnessed by the rapid spread of the social centre movement; and,

Whereas, The leading candidates for the Presidency of the United States, to wit: Governor Wilson, of our State, and Colonel Roosevelt, of New York, have strongly and heartily endorsed the proposition that our school buildings be used for political meetings; and,

Whereas, The prominent leaders for social betterment and progress, and the press likewise, have insisted on a wider use of school buildings; and,

Whereas, Governor Wilson, now running for the Presidency of the United States, spoke in Public School No. 9, last fall; and,

Whereas, Permission was granted last fall

by this Board to hold public meetings under the auspices of the political parties, in School N. 9; and,

Whereas, This country is approaching national and State elections of vast importance, wherein problems profoundly affecting the economic and social well-being of the people are to be discussed and a decision arrived at; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on School Government be and is hereby authorized to grant to applicants of political parties, under suitable regulations to be adopted by it, the use of our public school buildings for the discussion of the political, economic and social problems that are to be passed upon in the forthcoming national and State elections.

On motion, the preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of September, 1912, be and the same is hereby ordered paid, subject to deduction by the Committee on School Government, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Whereas, By virtue of Article VI., Section 55, of the State School Law, entitled "An act to establish a thorough and efficient system of free public schools, and to provide for the maintenance, support and management thereof," approved October 19th, 1903, power is given to Boards of Education, after the first day of July and before the first day of January, to borrow a sum not exceeding one-half of the amount appropriated for the current expenses of the schools and for the repair of school houses under their control, and to execute and deliver promissory notes therefor, together with interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum; and,

Whereas, The moneys appropriated by the State for current expenses of the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, the amount of which is \$241,974.69, are not available; and,

Whereas, One-half of the amount now due or about to become due for current expenses from the State appropriation amounts to \$120,987.34; and,

Whereas, The Board of Education has al-

ready borrowed the sum of seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) on this, thereby leaving the sum of forty-five thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents (\$45,987.34) which the Board may yet borrow;

Whereas, It is necessary that the Board provide for the payment of the salaries of employes, of claims and contracts for the repair of school houses under their control, the amount of which approximates the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), including the claims for fuel, etc.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education borrow the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) and execute and deliver a promissory note therefor, on demand, together with interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum; and be it further

Resolved, That the said note be paid as soon as the said appropriation is due and available for said purpose, and that the President and Secretary sign said note in the name of the Board of Education of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson and State of New Jersey.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Whereas, In the judgment of the Board of Education of the School District of Hoboken, the existing school conditions now provided in said district are inadequate and unsuited for school purposes in said city, and that in order to provide adequate and necessary accommodations for such school purposes and to provide a proper and sufficient tract of land for the erection thereon of a new school building to take the place of School Building No. 1, which was condemned and torn down, a plot of land adjoining the land upon which said School Building No. 1 stood, should be acquired, a new schoolhouse erected and school furnishings and other necessary equipments purchased; and

Whereas, In the judgment of this Board the land situate in said city and described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land and premises known as 156 Third street, situate, lying and being in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Third street, distant one hundred (100) feet easterly from the easterly line of

Garden street, and running thence easterly along the northerly side of Third street thirty-one (31) feet; thence northerly and parallel with Garden street fifty (50) feet; thence westerly and parallel with Third street thirty-one (31) feet, and thence southerly and parallel with Garden street fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning; and

All that certain lot of land and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of Garden and Third streets, and running thence northerly along the easterly side of Garden street forty-five feet (45) and eleven and one-half (11½) inches; thence easterly and parallel with Third street ninety-five (95) feet; thence northerly and parallel with Garden street four (4) feet and one-half (½) inch; thence easterly parallel with Third street five (5) feet; thence southerly parallel with Garden street fifty (50) feet to the northerly line of Third street, and thence westerly along said northerly line of Third street one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning, is the most suitable and desirable therefor; now therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board does hereby determine to acquire the said land for the purpose of a school for said School District of said City; and be it

Resolved, Further, that Commissioners Richard Mooney, James P. Laverty and Richard A. Marnell be and they are hereby designated and appointed a committee of this Board to enter into negotiations with the owners of said properties in behalf of this Board for the purchase of the same at an amount not exceeding the sum of twenty-two thousand (\$22,000) dollars for the property owned by John Podesta, and for an amount not exceeding five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for the property owned by Richard Dewey, and to report the result of such negotiations to this Board at the next meeting to be held on Monday, September 23d, 1912, instant.

On motion of Mr. Alberts, seconded by Mr. Laverty, the preamble and resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Mr. Barso made inquiry as to what action, if any, had been taken as to his resolution in the matter of "Social Centre," by the Committee to whom it had been referred. President Lankering informed him that in the organization of the Board all Committees had

been released and that the Committee on School Government now appointed would take the matter up with Mr. Barso.

Mr. Taylor moved to take from the hands of the Committee of the Whole the further consideration of the resolution offered by him on September 9, in reference to the claim of Eugene Ciccarella.

The motion being seconded, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Mr. Mooney and President Lankering.

Mr. Taylor then asked that the resolution as presented on September 9, be again read.

The Secretary read the resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the claim of Eugene Ciccarella for a sum due him for work and expenses in making plans for School No. 9, be settled for the sum of six thousand five hundred (\$6,500) dollars, as recommended by the counsel of the Board, and be it further

Resolved, That a bond issue be issued on School No. 9 in payment of the same.

Mr. Taylor moved that the resolution as read be adopted and the motion being seconded the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Mooney and President Lankering.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to prepare a statement of the Ciccarella claim for submission to the Board of School Estimate and present the same to the Board of Education for consideration.

On recommendation of the Committee on School Government the following named pupils were given permission to leave school, viz.: Eleanor Garbarino, Lillian Gunderson, Nathan Kapelowitz, Anthony Tofra, Giovanna Segatto, Albert Ahearn, Mark Milat, Paul Lynch, Veronica Stark, Lillian Stegeman, Wm. Neubauer, Robert James, Ella Arendo, Alvina Mardorf, Mathilda Breve, Edward Raber, Augusta Paasch, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

On motion of Mr. Marnell the Board took a recess until Monday evening, September 23, 1912.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, September 23, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest announced the death of Miss Jean Livingston, a former teacher and pensioner, which occurred on August 3, 1912.

The Superintendent presented the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 19, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—The following named teachers have completed their year of probation and have been reported by their Principals as having been satisfactory in discipline and instruction, viz.:

The Misses H. Matthes, Lucy Duff, Mary Haggerty, Hilda Lankering, Grace Brown, Ethel Brownell, Sadie Fitzpatrick, Rose Pflug, A. Raettig, H. Walrath, F. Yeaton, Lucy Endler, E. Kerls, M. Lawrence, Messrs. John Griffith and L. Taistra.

I would recommend that these etachers receive permanent appointment as teachers in the employ of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

The report of the Superintendent was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Calvin H. Kendall, Esq., Commissioner of Education, announced in a communication that the attendance in the schools of Hoboken, N. J., was found from the registers submitted to the office at Trenton, to be 1,594,749 days.

The report of the Commissioner was placed on file.

Mr. B. Franklin Hart, President of the High School Alumni, presented a request for the use of the Auditorium and Gymnasium of the High School for a meeting of the Alumni Association for October 4, 1912, and on motion the request was granted.

William L. Kamena petitioned the Board to recognize and make settlement of his claims for coal and wood, delivered under his contract of November, 1911, amounting to \$5,133.53. The petition was referred to the Corporation Attorney for advice.

The following named made application for positions as teachers in the Evening High School: Winifred Brien, Louise Boedecker, W. Morton Kelley. The following to the Ele-

mentary Schools, viz.: Minnie Birch and Freda Seyd, and applications were referred to the Committee on School Government.

Miss C. V. Havens, a teacher in School No. 1, asked for a leave of absence until November 1, 1912, and on motion her request was granted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by the Secretary:

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 23, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—As directed by you, at the session of the Board held on September 16, 1912, I herewith submit the following statement of the claim of Mr. Eugene Ciccarelli, which was ordered settled for the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6,500), as per resolution adopted by your Honorable Body, at the stated session of September 16, 1912, together with a copy of the said resolution. Said statement is submitted for your approval and for presentation to the Board of School Estimate, as directed by you.

The claim of Mr. Ciccarelli approximates a much larger sum than that allowed by your Honorable Body, and is itemized as follows, viz.:

1905—

Oct. 20—To drawing plans and specifications for a two-story brick school, for which bids were received amounting to \$166,539, at 2½ per cent.....	\$4,164 72
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Oct. 30—To drawing plans for system of heating, "hot air," to cost \$15,600	390 00
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Dec. 22—To drawing plans for a 25 class-room building to cost \$120,000	3,000 00
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1908—

April 20—To services rendered as expert in lawsuit of the Calumet Construction Co	150 00
Expenses incurred at said trial....	225 00

1906—

Nov. 19—Five per cent, commission on supervision of work performed by the Calumet Construction Co	637 50
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1910—

Dec. 3—Services attending meetings of experts on School No. 9, on litigation of the Calumet Construction Co., etc.....	150 00
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\$8,717 22

In a communication from Wm. D. Edwards, Esq., Counsel for Mr. Ciccarelli, to Corpora-

tion Attorney Fallon, Mr. Edwards stated that his client would settle the claim for the sum of \$6,500 flat.

On December 4, 1911, the matter was presented and referred to the Committee of the Whole, and the Committee never reported thereon.

At a session of the Board of Education, held on September 9, 1912, Mr. Taylor presented the following, viz.:

"Resolved, That the claim of Eugene Ciccarelli for a sum due him for work and expenses in making plans for School No. 9, be settled for the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6,500), as recommended by the counsel of the Board; and be it further

"Resolved, That a bond issue be issued on School No. 9 in payment of said sum."

On motion, the resolution was amended so as to refer it to the Committee of the Whole, in conjunction with the Corporation Attorney, to meet on Thursday evening, September 12, and to report to the Board on September 16, 1912.

At the stated session of the Board, held on September 16, 1912, on motion of Mr. Taylor, the matter was taken from the hands of the Committee of the Whole, by the following vote:

"Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken. Nays—Mr. Mooney and President Lankering."

On motion the resolution as presented on September 9, 1912, was then adopted by the following vote:

"Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

"Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Mooney and President Lankering."

On motion the Secretary was directed to prepare a statement of the action of the Board for submission to the Board of School Estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. A. KERR,
Secretary.

The communication containing the above statement was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by Mr. Taylor:

Resolved, That the statement prepared by the Secretary for the consideration of the Board of Education, in the matter of the claim of Eugene Ciccarelli for work and expenses in drawing plans for Public School No. 9, and the action of the Board in refer-

ence to said claim, be and the same is hereby approved; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare and submit to each of the members of the Board of School Estimate, and to the Board of School Estimate as a body, a copy of said statement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of School Estimate for the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, be and it is hereby requested to fix and determine the amount so specified in said statement as necessary for the said purpose, and to secure the said amount by the issue of bonds to be designated "School Bonds."

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Mooney and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the Misses E. Keister, Elizabeth Bonnard and Florence Rogers be and they are hereby appointed as teachers on probation in the elementary schools of this city, at an annual salary of six hundred dollars (\$600); said appointment to take effect October 1, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

From the Committee on School Government:

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 23, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on School Government, to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent as to the standing of the probationary teachers who have finished their year of probation, would report that we have examined the same, together with the statements of the Principals, and would recommend that the teachers named in the report be appointed permanently.

The report of the Committee was received and its recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

From the Committee on School Government:

Your Committee on School Government, to whom was referred the application of Miss Freda Seyd to have her name placed on the authorized list of monitresses, would recommend that her request be granted.

The report of the Committee was received

an dits recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That Miss Irene Judge, who was appointed as Second Vice-Principal of School No. 6 on June 19, 1911, to take effect September 1, 1911, be allowed her increase of salary as such from July 1, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That the following named be and they are hereby appointed as teachers in the Elementary Evening School to be assigned to such department as is hereby indicated, viz.:

Principal, A. I. Dillon. Salary \$5 per night.

Registrar, Miss Mary, Haggerty. Salary \$3 per night.

Foreign-born Resident Department. Salary \$3 per night; Miss C. M. Seib, Miss E. C. Hiney, Mrs. F. Marx, Mrs. E. S. Knapp, Miss K. O'Rafferty, Mrs. M. Deiehey, Mrs. M. Kiernan.

English Department. Salary \$2.50 per night—rs. C. Dottermusch, Miss S. M. Ingleson, Miss Ada Smith, Miss M. Livesey, Miss M. Fitzpatrick, Miss E. Murphy, Miss Mabel Coyle, Miss J. McCammond.

Specail Teachers. Salary \$2.50 per night.—H. Matthes, Agnes Patterson, Irene Guisto, Ella Smith, A. Tschinkel.

Special Officer, Henry Spohr. Salary \$2 per night.

Janitress, Mrs. B. Halloran. Salary \$3.50 per night.

and be it further

Resolved, That the salaries indicated be only for actual services while so employed.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Marnell.

Resolved, That the following named be appointed as teachers in the Evening High and Technical School, to be assigned as herein designated, viz.:

Commercial Course—Salary, \$3 per night: Commercial arithmetic, Miss Mary Cassidy; stenography, Miss V. Borthwick; typewriting, Miss G. Jacobsen.

Regents Course—English, Wm. A. Kavanagh; German, Otto Hoch; French and Spanish, F. J. Trich; algebra, C. A. Sherlock; geometry, L. Taistra; physics and

chemistry, Miss Ida Housmann.

Technical Course—Salary, \$3 per night: Machine shop and forge, Thomas Graney; carpenter shop, W. Beckhorn; dressmaking, Mrs. Luhrs; drawing, F. C. Krause.

Clerk of school, Miss P. Gonzales, salary, \$3 per night.

Help at evening school, \$12 per night; and be it further

Resolved, That the salaries indicated be only for actual service while so employed.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Messrs. Marnell, Alberts, Taylor and Laverty.

Whereas, From the monthly reports submitted by the Medical Inspectors, it appears that the work required of them has grown to such proportions that in order to have this department properly cared for, the necessity has arisen that the number of inspectors should be increased; therefore be it

Resolved, That Joseph Londrigan, M. D., be and he is hereby appointed a Medical Inspector in the schools of this city at an annual salary of One thousand (\$1,000) dollars, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect October 1, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Mooney, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Mr. Barso made inquiry as to what the Committee appointed to negotiate with the owners of the property desired as an additional site for School No. 1 had done, and Mr. Mooney, Chairman of said Committee, reported progress in the matter and had been able to see one of the owners, but that the other was very ill and could not be interviewed.

The following claims were reported correct by the various Committees:

Elizabeth Meyer, supplies, manual training	\$161 29
George C. Jones, insurance, boiler No. 3	37 50
Revere Rubber Co., janitors' supplies	2 16
Anthony Capelli, rent, Truant School	50 00
Jersey City W. C. Co., cleaning windows High School	40 00
Wm. D. Bindewald, janitors' supplies	15 29

On motion the reports of the Committees was received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Marnell it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to

meet on Monday evening, September 30, 1912.

The Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR,
Secretary.

Board of Education

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, September 30, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

A communication was received from a number of citizens representing the various Italian Societies in the city, calling the attention of the Board to the approaching celebration of "Columbus Day," and asking the co-operation and participation of the Board of Education on this occasion.

The communication was placed on file and the invitation accepted.

The Secretary presented a receipt from James Smith, Custodian of School Moneys, for \$105. moneys received for the sale of old furniture and iron fence at School No. 5. The receipt was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication from John J. Fallon, Esq., Corporation Attorney, was presented and read, viz.:

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 30, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken:

Gentlemen—I have before me a communication from your Secretary, dated September 24, instant, enclosing a copy of the decision of Assistant Commissioner of Education J. Brognard Betts in the case of Wallace D. Patterson vs. Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, and communication from William L. Kamena, dated September 21, instant, requesting your Board to make payment to him of the sum of \$5,133.53 for coal and wood delivered under a contract entered into by him with your Board in November, 1911. I notice that in the letter of Mr. Kamena he states that the claims aggregating the aforesaid sum of \$5,133.53 were ordered paid by your Board in March, 1912. Whether this is so or not, I advise you that you should make payment to Mr. Kamena of the moneys due him for coal and wood furnished by him to your Board. The matters in controversy between Wallace D. Patterson, as appellant, and the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, as respondent, respecting which the decision of Mr. Betts was rendered, in no wise effects Mr. William L. Kamena or the claim presented by him to your Board for coal and wood furnished by him under his contract.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

JNO. J. FALLON,
Corporation Attorney.

The communication of the Corporation Attorney was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Business Manager Clayton presented a certificate drawn in favor of John Pustkuchen, in the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars (\$560), in payment of his contract for the new concrete sidewalk around School No. 5 and the said certificate having been approved by the Committee on Finance, on motion the claim was ordered paid, provided the said John Pustkuchen submitted a guarantee bond indemnifying the Board, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—Mr. Barso.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Whereas, It is the purpose of the Board of Education to make medical inspection of pupils more effective, by offering medical relief to needy and deserving pupils, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Business Manager be instructed to equip a room in the High School building for a free public school clinic, under the direction of the Committee on School Government; and be it further

Resolved, That said clinic shall be in charge of the Medical Inspectors, and that all applications for relief in the hands of the Medical Inspectors shall be passed upon by the Committee on School Government and the Superintendent.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That William Gilfert be and he is hereby appointed as Assistant Janitor at Public School No. 7, at an annual salary of nine hundred dollars (\$900) payable monthly; said appointment to take effect October 1, 1912.

Mr. Wendelken moved to amend by substituting the name of Mrs. M. V. Darcy.

The roll was called on the amendment, which was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor and President Lankering.

The original resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso and Wendelken.

The Committee on Finance and the Committee on Supplies reported the nineteen claims of Wm. L. Kamena for coal and wood delivered under his contract of November, 1911, amounting to five thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars and forty-three cents (\$5,133.53) correct, as approved by the Business Manager, and under the advice of the Corporation Attorney, the claims were ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Mr. Marnell moved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on October 7, 1912, at eight o'clock.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Mr. Mooney reported progress in the matter of the purchase of additional site; also on the revision of plans for School No. 1.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

ADJOURNED STATED SESSION.

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, October 7, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Corporation Attorney J. J. Fallon notified the Board that the hearing in the matter of Brandes vs. The Board of Education had been set by J. Brognard Betts, Esq., for October 14, 1912, in the rooms of the Board, at 10:30 a. m.

The communication was placed on file and the Secretary directed to have the Board room in readiness for the hearing.

A communication from the Board of Trustees for Industrial Education, embodying a letter from Mr. Wm. Arnold, janitor of the Industrial Building, in which Mr. Arnold stated that he had taken care of the rooms in the building used for "Opportunity Classes," and that the late President of the Industrial Trustees, Mr. Russ, was to arrange with the Board of Education for the amount of compensation, and, nothing as yet having been done, requested the Industrial Trustees to take the matter up for him.

The communication was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Miss Eileen Duncombe asked to have her name placed on the official list of monitresses and Mr. H. W. Woodger asked to be considered for a position at teacher in the machine shop for evening school. The requests were referred to the Committee on School Government.

The following report was submitted from the Committee of the Whole

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 7, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—The Committee of the Whole of your Honorable Body, all the members of the Board being present, met at the High School on Monday evening, September 30, 1912, organizing by the election of Robert H. Alberts as Chairman and Richard A. Marnell as Secretary, and considered the matter of additional site for the erection of the proposed School No. 1. After a lengthy discussion, covering the advisability and especially at this time the necessity for a larger plot in view of the plans as revised, on motion of Mr. Taylor, a committee of three was appointed as a sub-committee, with a view to acquire a plot of ground on the west side

of Bloomfield street, also on the east side of Garden street, so that the site for the school building might cover a plot 150x200 feet.

Messrs. Mooney, Laverty and Marnell were appointed such committee.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the same committee were appointed and directed to communicate with the contractors for the erection of the No. 1 building, in order to ascertain the amount of compensatory damages they would ask if their contracts were surrendered and cancelled.

On October 3, 1912, the Committee of the Whole met by appointment Messrs. De Riso Bros., and James A. Marnell, two of the contractors, Mr. R. J. Rath being unavoidably detained elsewhere, and placed the proposition before them as to the surrender of their contracts upon the payment of damages, the amount to be determined by agreement. The contractors asked for time to consider, and it was agreed that October 7, instant, would be sufficient time, and they would answer on that date.

At this same meeting the matter of the revision of the plans for the proposed new school building to take the place of School No. 1, was taken up for consideration, and, although it was asserted by some of the members that the original plans called for a seating capacity of 1,200 pupils, upon the positive denial of Mr. Ciccarelli and by the plans themselves, it was shown that the plans originally adopted and filed in the State Department provided for only 1,000 pupils.

The committee adjourned to meet on October 7, 1912, for further consideration of matters of import, but would recommend that the appointment of the committee to negotiate for the acquisition of additional site for School No. 1 be confirmed by resolution of the Board of Education.

Knowing that the revision of the plans for School No. 1 is now in the hands of committee, advised by Mr. Ciccarelli, and John T. Rowland, Jr., as consulting architect we have no recommendation to submit at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

ROBERT H. ALBERTS,
Chairman.

RICHARD A. MARNELL, Secretary.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enter into negotiations with the

owners of property on the west side of Bloomfield street and the east side of Garden street, north of Third street, with a view to the purchase of same for an additional site for School No. 1, and further in accord with the recommendation of the committee be it

Resolved, That the same committee be empowered to negotiate with the contractors for the erection of School No. 1 with a view to the surrender and cancellation of their contracts.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso and Wendelken.

Presented by Mr. Taylor:

Resolved, That A. W. Clayton, Business Manager, be and he is hereby allowed a vacation of four weeks from October 8, 1912.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Barso:

Whereas, After much litigation and many obstacles being placed in the way of the Board of Education of 1911 in their endeavors to demolish the building known as No. 1 School and erect in its place a modern school building, the building was abandoned on the 26th day of April, 1911, a year and a half ago, and up to the time of the demolition some months later ceased to be used for school purposes, on December 27, the contracts for the new building were given out; and

Whereas, Up to this time nothing definite had been done toward a practical furtherance

of this work, and as a result nearly 2,000 children are forced on the streets part of the school day in a manner that encourages truancy; and

Whereas, It must be very evident to every member of the Board of Education that unless immediate action is taken nothing can be done over winter and as a result there will not be a finished bilding for the pupils to enter until after the vacation period of 1913, therefore be it

Resolved, That the plot of ground situated on the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets be acquired at the figure determined by the citizens committee of the Board of Trade, and the two lots north on Garden street, and that the different contractors be urged to complete their work with all possible speed according to the plans and specification submitted by Eugene Ciccarelli and passed by this oBard, as with slight changes in the plans the building can be made to accommodate upwards of 1,200 pupils. I make this statement only after thorough investigation and am responsible for its accuracy; and be it further

Resolved, That all attempts to acquire further property be discontinued at once, as such has been satisfactorily determined unnecessary.

The ayes and nays were called for and the resolution declared lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor and President Lankering.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

STATED SESSION.

Stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, October 21, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The reading of the minutes of the stated session of September 16; the adjourned stated sessions of September 23 and 30, 1912, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

The reports of the Superintendent as to the attendance at the Industrial Schools, the deductions in the pay roll for September, the work of the Truant Officers, also that of the Medical Inspectors and the Nurse, together with that of the Dental Clinic, and that of tardiness in the several schools, were submitted and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted his monthly report of the enrollment and attendance in the public schools, showing an enrollment for October, 1912, of 9,283, with an average attendance of 8,492, which was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Superintendent Demarest reported that in compliance with the instructions of the Committee on School Government he had transferred L. Spangburgh from School No. 9 to School No. 7, and William Gilfert from School No. 7 to School No. 9, as assistant janitors, and on motion the action of the Committee, through the Superintendent, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Superintendent Demarest reported that, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board on September 9, 1912, he had arranged with Mr. P. Leipziger for a course of free lectures for the season of 1912-1913 for the sum of \$375, payable in five monthly payments.

The action of the Superintendent and the course submitted by him were approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The Superintendent reported that the Misses Elsie V. Cox and Alice Doran had completed their year of probation, and their Principals having reported them satisfactory

in discipline and instruction, the Superintendent recommended that they be permanently appointed as teachers.

The report of the Superintendent was received and his recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest presented the following, viz.:

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 17, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Subject to your approval, the following teachers have been assigned to the Evening High School, viz.:

Miss M. McMahon, stenography, October 7.

Mrs. T. J. Hanley, dressmaking, October 15.

Mrs. J. Luzardi, dressmaking, October 15.

Miss L. Honey, millinery, October 7.

Mr. L. C. Filiatheault, bookkeeping, October 7.

Mr. A. Rosenkamff, bookkeeping, October 7.

Mr. M. Buell, forge shop, October 7.

Mr. F. R. McMahon, typewriting, October 7.

At three dollars per night while so employed.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

A. J. DEMAREST,

Superintendent.

On motion the report of the Superintendent was received and the assignments approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso and Wendelken.

County Superintendent Kinsley reported that he had, on October 14, issued an order in favor of the Custodian of School Moneys in the sum of \$26,385.54, as part of the balance of the railroad tax of 1911-1912; also on October 21, an order in the sum of \$2,786.10 on the State appropriation of 1912-13.

The report of the County Superintendent was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. H. J. Bogert made application for a position as teacher of mathematics in the Evening High School. The application was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A proposal from the Western Union Telegraph Co., to connect the system of clocks in the High School to their wires, was presented and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Business Manager Clayton submitted the readings of the meters for water, gas and electric light and power also his report of the work done at the several schools and the supplies furnished since September 16, 1912.

The reports were referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A recess was then declared and upon re-

assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on School Government, the following named pupils were given permission to leave school; viz.: Michael Koza, Victor Lundhal, Alfred Monello, Elizabeth Mulvaney, Edward Staab, Stanley Forbes, Tony Bosri, Katharine Montesi, Anna Mongello, Siegard Christiansen, Anna Biananca, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, By virtue of Article VI, Section 55, of the State School Law, entitled "An Act to establish a thorough and efficient system of free public schools and to provide for the maintenance, support and management thereof," approved October 19, 1903, power is given to Boards of Education, after the first day of July and before the first day of January, to borrow a sum not exceeding one-half of the amount appropriated for the current expenses of the schools and for the repair of school houses under their control, and to execute and deliver promissory notes therefor, together with interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum; and

Whereas, The moneys appropriated by the State for current expenses of the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, the amount of which is \$244,277.79, are not available; and

Whereas, One-half of the amount now due the District of Hoboken, or about to become due for the current expenses from the State appropriation, amounts to \$122,138.89; and

Whereas, The Board of Education has already borrowed the sum of \$110,000 on this, thereby leaving the sum of twelve thousand one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents which the Board may yet borrow; and

Whereas, It is necessary that the Board make provision for the payment of salaries of employees, of claims and contracts for repairs of the school houses under their control and for current expenses, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education borrow the sum of twelve thousand one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents the balance of the one-half of the State appropriation, and execute and deliver a promissory note therefor, together with interest thereon at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum; and be it further

Resolved, That the said note be paid as soon as the said appropriation is due and

available for said purpose, and that the President and Secretary sign said note in the name of the Board of Education of the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson and State of New Jersey.

On motion of Mr. Alberts the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Presented by the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of October, 1912, be and the same is hereby ordered paid, subject to deductions by the Committee on School Government, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following claims were reported correct by the various Committees:

Ginn & Co., books to all schools...	\$188 20
American Book Co., books to all schools	497 09
American Book Co., books to Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7.....	363 41
American Book Co., books to Nos. 8, 9 and High School.....	469 15
C. Sower Co., books to all schools..	60 88
Thompson, Brown & Co., books to No. 1	2 65
Smith & Co., books to all schools...	201 99
D. C. Heath & Co., books to all schools	161 11
A. B. Barnes & Co., books to No. 7.	11 25
Allyn & Bacon, books to High School	150 00
J. B. Lippincott & Co., books to all schools	70 40
P. P. Simmons, books to Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.....	54 58
Longmans, Green & Co., books to High School	4 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books to High School	35 88
Sibley & Co., books to High School.	21 80
Henry Holt & Co., books to High School	163 40
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., chemicals to High School.....	126 61
Eimer & Amend, supplies to High School	25 37
Rand, McNally & Co., map to High School	10 00
I. Pittman's Sons, books to High School	119 19
The MacMillan Co., books to High School	55 94
C. E. Merrill & Co., books to all schools	98 88

Silver, Burdette & Co., books to No. 8	5 30
B. H. Sanborn & Co., books to High School	24 00
Wm. D. Bindewald, supplies, contract	19 25
E. J. Kerr, supplies, contract.....	863 45
Remington T. W. Co., supplies to High School	7 80
Royal T. W. Co., exchange at High School	10 00
Underwood T. W. Co., rental of T. W. exchange	169 00
Geo. Hoffmann, medical supplies....	23 10
Wm. L. Kamena, coal and wood....	355 62
Chas. Weber, frame at High School.	2 10
Self-Winding Clock Co., repairs at High School	7 94
C. Muzzi & Co., janitors' supplies..	19 74
F. J. Ross, janitors' supplies.....	21 06
The Furst Co., janitors' supplies....	27 52
W. S. Elliss, supplies to office.....	37 30
Headly & Farmer Co., janitors' supplies	2 34
John C. Farr, lumber, Manual Training	227 40
Elizabeth Meyer, supplies, High School	101 05
The Regina Co., janitors' supplies..	5 00
Henry W. Grote, clock contract.....	87 50
Philip Daab, insurance, boiler No. 3	50 00
Public Service Corporation, gas and electric light, September.....	114 44
Jersey City Board of Education, tuition fees	100 00
Hudson Observer, minutes, September	156 00
N. Y. Telephone Co., contract, October	59 09
Hoboken Bill Posting Co., Evening School posters	15 00
Union Towel Supply Co., towels, etc., September and October.....	24 97
E. E. Marlatt, engrossing resolutions	30 00
W. Hunter Machine Co., repairs at No. 6	4 50
Geo. Pinner, glazing at No. 6 and High School	13 00
Robert J. Rath, repairs at Nos. 2, 4	8 87
Robert J. Rath, work on boiler at No. 5	124 69

Robert J. Rath, repairs at High School 30 60

Robert J. Rath, fitting Clinic at High School 33 44

On motion the reports of the Committees were received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering
Nays—None.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Whereas, Investigation of the ownership of the original site of School No. 1 discloses that the title to the said plot of ground does not rest in the City of Hoboken, but is held by Trustees of the Edwin A. Stevens estate, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on School No. 1 be and it is hereby directed to proceed with negotiations for the purpose of acquiring title to said land.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Whereas, At times, on account of the heavy trucking on the stone pavement on Fourth and Bloomfield streets, facing the High School, during school hours, it is impossible to impart instruction and often necessary to cease work on account of the noise, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Mayor and Council be and they are hereby petitioned by the Board of Education to give the matter consideration and replace the present pavement by installing asphalt, brick or some noiseless pavement.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Marnell it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday, October 28, 1912.

The Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

ADJOURNED STATED SESSION.

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, October 28, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

A communication from the Board of Trustees for Industrial Education, in which Mr. J. H. Kuntz, Chairman of their School Government Committee, suggested that twenty pupils from the first-year class of the Industrial Evening School be transferred to the Evening High School, and that pupils of the Class of Mathematics be transferred to the Industrial School.

The communication was referred to the Committee on School Government.

The following was presented by the Committee on School No. 1, viz.:

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 28, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on School No. 1 offers reports which present concisely and completely the matter of the school building in all its phases.

Under the regime of the Board of Education of 1911, a majority combination, while working under approved lines, seemed to have an imperfect knowledge of the building plan and scope of School Building No. 1. In any event, it adopted a plan which shows inadequate accommodations, providing for approximately 1,000 pupils, this capacity obtained after an insert of four classrooms on the first floor plan, something not conceived by the architect when he prepared a skeleton sketch of the building.

Improvident action and precipitate haste is manifest.

In ordering a committee to purchase buildings on the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets, at a price several thousand dollars in excess of true value. In paying, on December 7, \$5,000 on account to the architect whose only work was preparing plans and specifications. This money, taken from the general fund, should have been paid from the bond issue.

In paying this \$5,000 twenty days before contracts were awarded for mason, carpenter and plumbing work.

In awarding the mason and carpenter work at a figure \$6,597 in excess of a bid for same work rejected December 4, 1911.

In awarding contracts for only part of the

school building for an amount in excess of the available bond issue.

In contracting to build a school on property not owned by the Board of Education.

It is apparent that the inflexible purpose of the majority of the Board was to give out contracts in the year 1911 without regard to consequences.

Into the Board of 1912 came members of an inspiring mind and of a disposition to pry closely into the No. 1 School building project.

From data obtained, President Lankering carefully prepared and on March 18, 1912, submitted a report to the Board. It discloses that the available bond issue for land is \$60,000 and \$150,000 for building. The cost of a finished structure of the approved 1911 plan, ready for occupancy by pupils, would total \$213,738, plus an approximate cost of \$10,000 for school furniture and equipment.

This amount exceeds the certified appropriation of the Board of School Estimate by \$50,000, and is \$75,000 in excess of the available bond issue, as the additional \$25,000 bond issue has not yet been acted upon by the Mayor and Council. The title of the original No. 1 School site is not vested in the city.

The land and tenements on the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets has not been purchased by the Board of Education.

The plan and contracts entered into comprehend a building to cover all this mentioned ground. The plans appear to provide a scheme of construction which indicates an enormous waste of material and money.

Applying common sense to the common acts of daily life, your Committee prepared a programme which it asks be carried out as outlined in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) RICHARD MOONEY,
(Signed) JAMES P. LAVERTY,
(Signed) RICHARD A. MARNELL,
Committee.

ROBERT H. ALBERTS, V. P.
GEO. LANKERING, President.

Mr. Alberts moved that the report of the Committee be received and spread in full on the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Laverty, when Mr. Taylor moved to lay on the table. The motion to lay on the table was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Mr. Taylor moved to refer the report back to the Committee for consideration, as an amendment, which motion was seconded by Mr. Sheridan. The ayes and nays being

called on the amendment, the same was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend by striking out paragraphs 2, 3 and 7. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sheridan. The President declared the amendment out of order. Mr. Taylor appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The original question was then called for and the motion of Mr. Alberts to receive the report and spread it in full on the minutes was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Mr. Barso declined to vote and he was recorded as voting aye.

The following report from the Committee on School No. 1 was presented and read, viz:

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 28, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:
Gentlemen—Your Committee on School No. 1, to whom was given the solution of the erection and completion of a new school building to be known at Public School No. 1, would respectfully submit the following, viz:

The undersigned Committee on School No. 1, and members of the Board of Education, have carefully studied and reviewed all phases of the subject to build No. 1 School; have conferred and advised with competent architects, builders, contractors, real estate experts and counsel.

Your Committee concludes that the erection of a building for No. 1 School is impracticable and unwise under the 1911 plan.

It recommends:

That the legality of contracts entered into for mason, carpenter and plumbing work be submitted to the Court for determination.

The reconsideration of the plans adopted 1911.

The perfecting of title to the original school site.

The purchase of the following properties, at the prices stated, viz.:

315 Garden street, \$7,600.

317 Garden street, \$7,000.

319 Garden street, \$4,000.

321 Garden street, \$4,700.

The purchase of 13 feet of the rear end of 316 Bloomfield street, at the price stated, \$400.

The purchase of 23 feet of the rear end of 316 Bloomfield street, at the price stated, \$500.

The condemnation of the following properties, viz.:

Northeast corner of Garden and Third streets, and 156 Third street, and 13 feet of the rear ends of the following properties on Bloomfield street, viz.: Nos. 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314.

The approximate cost of land to be acquired by purchase and by condemnation to be within the \$60,000 bond issue.

The erection of a school building suitable for 1,400 pupils, with 32 classrooms.

The building to be constructed along safe lines, occupying approximately 195x115 feet ground space, with a courtyard about 3 feet in the rear end and an open space about 28 feet north side.

The heating plan to be arranged in connection with the High School plant.

John T. Rowland, Jr., who was architect on the High School building, was retained as consulting architect. He conferred with Architect Ciccarelli, who frankly stated that he labored under a disadvantage in an effort to devise a building suitable for the purpose in the limited ground space.

Consulting Architect Rowland stated that additional ground was needed to the east and north. Accepting this view, the Committee personally opened negotiations with all owners of real estate within a radius of 200 feet of the school site for their entire holdings, explaining, however, that only a limited number of feet of ground space might be required.

The Committee is pleased to report that in most instances the property owners, actuated by civic pride, named a reasonable figure at which they would relinquish their holdings for school purposes.

It is the purpose of the Committee to offer for consideration appropriate resolutions which, when adopted, will effect a solution of the No. 1 School agitation.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD MOONEY,

J. P. LAVERTY,

R. A. MARNELL,

Committee.

ROBERT H. ALBERTS,

GEO. LANKERING.

The report of the Committee was on motion received and ordered spread in full on the minutes by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Presented by the Committee on School No. 1:

Whereas, From the report of the Committee on School No. 1, and in the judgment of the Board of Education, that in order to provide an adequate site for School No. 1, it is

absolutely necessary that further and additional land be secured for this purpose; and

Whereas, Said Committee on School No. 1 have entered into negotiations with the owners of certain land adjacent to the present site, with a view to the purchase thereof, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on School No. 1 be and it is hereby empowered to consummate the purchase of the following named pieces of property, at the prices named in the report of the Committee submitted October 28, 1912, viz:

315 Garden street, for the sum of....	\$7,600
317 Garden street, for the sum of....	7,000
319 Garden street, for the sum of....	4,000
321 Garden street, for the sum of....	4,700
13 feet on the rear end of 318 Bloomfield street, for the sum of.....	400
23 feet on the rear end of 316 Bloomfield street, for the sum of.....	500

and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary draw an order on the Custodian of School Moneys, said order to be signed by the President, in the sum of five per cent of the purchase price as indicated in said report, for the purpose of paying said amounts as a deposit on the agreements, as a guarantee for the final payment thereon; and that the Corporation Attorney prepare contracts to be executed to consummate said purchases.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

The following was presented by Mr. Laverty:

Whereas, Negotiations having failed for the purchase of property on Garden, Third and Bloomfield streets, to be comprehended in the additional site for School No. 1, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be and he is hereby requested to draw up the preliminary papers necessary in order to bring proceedings with a view to the condemnation of said property as mentioned in the report of the Committee on School No. 1, submitted October 28, 1912.

On motion of Mr. Marnell, seconded by Mr. Laverty, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Sheridan and Wendelken.

The following claims were reported correct by the various Committees, viz.:

John Tiscornia, piano care.....	\$50 00
Hudson Observer, minutes, Oct. 7...	24 30
J. C. Window Co., cleaning windows,	
High School	40 00
Rand McNally Co., books to No. 4...	5 00
Silver Burdette Co., books to Nos. 1,	
2, 6 and 8	18 10
D. H. Sanborn & Co., books to No. 3	12 75
Hinds, Noble & Eldredge, books to	
Nos. 5, 7 and 8.....	32 50
H. M. Rowe & Co., supplies to High	
School	220 35
H. H. Peters, supplies to No. 8.....	24 11
Underwood T. W. Co., supplies for	
Supt. and High School.....	49 08
Remington T. W. Co., exchange and	
repairs	67 80
Elizabeth Meyer, supplies to High	
School	11 80
Allyn & Bacon, books to Evening	
High School	25 00
Wm. Meyer, repairs at Nos. 5 and 2	14 10
Ginn & Co., books to all schools...	542 08
Wm. L. Kamena, coal to High School,	
wood to Nos. 4 and 5.....	30 75
C. Muzzi & Co., supplies to High	
School, Nos. 9 and 8.....	163 73
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs at High	
School, Nos. 5 and 9.....	75 40
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs at High	
School, Nos. 9, 5 and 5.....	68 95

On motion the reports of the Committees were received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

On motion of Mr. Marnell it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, November 11, 1912.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

ADJOURNED STATED SESSION.

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, November 11, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following report from John T. Rowland, Jr., Consulting Architect of School No. 1, was presented and read:

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 9, 1912.

Honorable Board of Education. Hoboken, N.J.:

Gentlemen—In submitting this report it seems proper at the outset to indicate the purposes of my appointment as consulting architect and to recite your instructions as I understand them. On September 9 your Board adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, In view of the fact that certain changes in the plans and specifications for the erection of a school building to be known as School No. 1, are deemed advisable, and in order that these proposed changes may cover any and all possible improvements on the original plans, therefore be it

Resolved, That John T. Rowland, Jr., be engaged as consulting architect for the Board in this matter, whose duty it shall be to go over the plans and specifications, and thereafter report in writing and recommend to the Board what changes, in his opinion, would be necessary and advisable in order to lessen the cost of construction and to insure for the school children the greatest convenience and safety.

Your Committee, during the first consultation, at which I received detailed instructions, advised me that the plans known as the 1911 plans for School No. 1, to be erected on Garden street, corner of Third street, did not altogether meet with your approval, and that you wished advice concerning the number of pupils which the proposed building would properly accommodate; the design and arrangement of rooms; the kind and character of construction, and such other features as might be valuable in considering the advisability of proceeding with the construction of the building, without alteration to the plans as drawn.

You also asked me to consider a sketch submitted as a substitute for the adopted plans and to offer suggestions and criticisms on that or other sketches that might be sub-

mitted. In general, you instructed me to give you such advice as might aid you in protecting the interests of the city.

You will recall that I declined accepting the appointment as consulting architect until I had a chance to carefully study and analyze the drawings and specifications, after which I wished to confer with the Committee and with the architect before rendering a report. I felt that this was not only fair to your Board and Committee, but was also the fair way both for the architect and for myself.

Having in mind the instructions given me, I have carefully examined the drawings and specifications, and in this report will confine myself to a plain, candid statement, based on my professional view of the plan of the building. My views are necessarily based on what I find in the plans and specifications, as I have no way of learning what instructions were given to your architect at the time the drawings were prepared, and, while I have understood during my interview with your architect and with your Committee that certain instructions were given, such instructions must be liable to dispute, as they are not matters of record, but rather of memory only.

That there has been much controversy over these plans is well known, but this report has nothing to do with controversies, and I shall not take part in same, but, as before stated, will confine my report to a plain statement of facts as I find them, and offer such advice as I deem best under the circumstances.

In presenting this report it is proper to state that, in my study of your school requirements and the plans, I have received the cordial co-operation of the architect and Committee, but that neither the architect nor the Committee has in any way suggested the criticisms or advices here offered.

The plans and specifications examined have been certified by the Secretary of your Board as true copies of the plans and specifications for the proposed building. Sheet No. 1 of the drawings was not included in the plans, and is not included in the set of plans approved by the State Board of Education, which are on file in the office of the Secretary of your Board.

I.—ACCOMMODATIONS.

Your Committee informs me that the original school had an enrollment of about 970 pupils. In accordance with the State Building Code, the proposed building would accommodate 1,008 pupils. I am informed by your Committee that the section of the city in which the school is to be located is likely to increase in population, and that the number of pupils for whom accommodations must

be provided would be larger than that provided for in the building as planned, this opinion being based on past experience in all sections of Hoboken. Furthermore, it is the opinion of your Committee that the proposed building should be made available for relieving overcrowding in neighboring schools.

If these two elements are to be considered it is clear that the number of pupils to be provided for is considerably larger than 1,008. I am advised that it is your desire that provisions should be made for about 1,400 pupils. The most superficial examination will convince any one that it is impossible to provide for 1,400 pupils in the building planned.

Some surprise has been manifested that the proposed building would not accommodate more than 1,008 pupils, the impression apparently being that twenty-eight class rooms would provide for more than this number.

It is clear that accommodations have been considered in terms of class rooms rather than in terms of the number of pupils the building would accommodate, and while the plans call for what would seem a large school, viz.: twenty-eight class rooms, still the class rooms are of such a size that not more than 1,008 pupils would be accommodated, following the law requiring 18 square feet of floor space per pupil for class rooms. The class rooms accommodate only 36 pupils. It is, no doubt, very desirable to limit the number of pupils per teacher, but your Committee informs me that you cannot at present inaugurate a policy of maintaining classes so restricted in the number of pupils. If the class rooms must accommodate a greater number of pupils they must be increased in size, and it follows that the building as a whole must be larger than that which has been planned.

It is because the class rooms are so small and accommodate so few pupils each that the total number of pupils to be accommodated does not exceed 1,008, and it is for this reason that the previous statement was made, that the size of the building has been considered in terms of class rooms rather than in terms of the number of pupils to be accommodated.

To summarize what has thus far been said concerning accommodations, a larger building than that which has been planned must be provided, either by constructing more than twenty-eight class rooms of the size shown on the plans or by increasing the size of the class rooms, or by both.

II.—DESIGN AND ARRANGEMENT OF ROOMS.

Of the twenty-eight rooms shown on drawings, six of them, viz.: two on the first, second and third floors each, receive light

from the narrow side of the room. These six rooms are 22 feet wide and 30 feet deep, and, although the glass area is equal to 20% of the floor space, it is not possible that the pupils in the row of seats furthest from the windows will receive adequate light. It is not wise to provide class rooms where the light, even though within the terms of the State law, cannot be adequate. It may be said in answer to this that the plans have been approved by the State Department, but this does not convince me and is not proof that the plans comply with what the State law intends. Because the light is taken from the narrow side of these rooms, and therefore cannot be adequate at the extreme interior end of the room, these rooms must be considered objectionable.

There are four rooms located on the ground floor level. Your architect informs me that it was not originally intended to have any class rooms on the ground floor level, nor does he consider them desirable, but that they were put in the plans after sketches were submitted in order to increase the accommodations. It may have been necessary to add these rooms in order to increase the accommodations, but unless the traffic along Garden street and Third street is very light the noise in these rooms would be almost intolerable. It is not advisable to locate class rooms on the ground floor level, not only because of the noise, but because such class rooms take the space required for play courts, manual training rooms, toilets, etc. It may therefore be stated that with the six class rooms before mentioned on the upper floors and these four rooms in the basement there are ten class rooms out of a total of twenty-eight class rooms which are undesirable.

The cloak rooms are not well planned, because one large cloak room, entered by one door from corridor and partially divided by a wood partition, serves as two cloak rooms. Pupils assigned to one part of this cloak room can enter the part assigned to pupils of the adjoining class. This tends to a loss of control by teachers, makes it necessary for pupils of two class rooms to pass through one cloak room door to the corridor and gives pupils of one class access to the clothing of pupils of the adjoining class, thus allowing interference by mischievous or malicious children. A cloak room should be a unit with a class room and pupils of other classes should not have access to same.

The plans call for class rooms to be built along the Third street front of building, along Garden street and along the northerly face of building, and these class rooms average thirty feet in depth. The class rooms are thus arranged around a space in the

centre of the building in which are located the corridors and the assembly room with its balconies.

The plan provides for two very broad fire-stairs having their exits on Garden street, and two large fire-escapes leading to the ground at the rear of the building and on about the centre line of the building.

The stairs comply with the State law, which requires that there shall be, for a building of this size, three flights of stairs not less than four feet in width, or in the line thereof two complete flights of stairs not less than six feet in width. While the law expressly states that stairs as designed are suitable, it is rather unusual practice to have only two interior fire-stairs, no matter how wide, in a building of twenty-eight class rooms. This is an item on which authorities may differ, but exit from the building would undoubtedly be facilitated and discipline more easily maintained if there were additional stairs.

To afford proper stair facilities for a school of this size there should be not less than four interior stairs. It should be remembered that fire-escapes are accessory to fire-stairs and do not in any way take the place of same, and in calculating the stair requirements fire-escapes should not be considered. In fireproof construction fire-escapes may be omitted entirely, providing the interior fire-stairs are well located and sufficient in size and number.

The fire-escapes shown in approved drawings, while in themselves well designed, have improper approaches. The approach from the interior of the building to a stair or fire-escape should be from a corridor or hall and not through a cloak room, as is the case in the plans under consideration.

I feel sure that the State Building Inspector, who has given a great deal of study to this feature of school buildings, will confirm my statement regarding stairs and fire-escapes, in fact I can definitely state that his opinion coincides with mine.

In view of all these facts it would seem much better to have four interior fire-stairs, with or without fire-escapes as accessories to them, as your Board thinks best.

The two fire-stairs above mentioned are each on the Garden street end of corridors which lead directly to the class rooms to the right end and to the left of the corridors respectively. There is no corridor connecting these two corridors, but all pupils or instructors wishing to reach the opposite side of the building from either side must use an open space in the rear of the main assembly room floor on first story, or the balconies for the second and third floors. The balconies

and the rear of the assembly room should not be used as corridors or passageways, but all corridors connecting the various rooms, one with another, should join each other, to form a continuous corridor reaching every room on the floor.

It should be specially pointed out that the assembly room, with its balconies, forms one large room with the corridors, and that there are no closures between the assembly room and the corridors on either side or on any floor. This is so obviously bad in case of fire that it seems hardly necessary to discuss this feature, for an assembly room, or any large rooms in a school building should be surrounded with walls and closed off by doors, not only to lessen the fire hazard to prevent rapid distribution of smoke in case of fire and to make impossible rapid communication of panic, but also in order that exercises can be held in the assembly room without disturbance by pupils or others who may have to use the corridors. Then, too, it is practically impossible to control the heating and ventilating of an assembly room if it is one with the corridors, and the corridors lead to the fire-stairs which are naturally drafty, and which open directly to the street. It is true that the assembly room as indicated on the plans could be closed off by means of doors and windows, but in order to provide a corridor from the southerly to the northerly side of building it would be necessary to decrease the size of the assembly room on its main floor and to entirely abandon the balconies, as such, on the second and third floors, which now are not only corridors to afford a means of passage from one side of the building to the other, but are also balconies looking down to the stage and main floor of the assembly room. If there could be a passage or corridor from one side of the building to the other without using the main assembly floor or the balcony floors, then it would be simple planning to make the assembly room a separate unit and not have it open with the corridors as indicated on plans.

The matter of heating and ventilating the auditorium if open with corridors should be very seriously considered.

The building provides toilets for the pupils only on the street floor level, and as the building is four stories in height, additional toilets for pupils should be provided on either the second or third floors. It is not wise to provide toilets on the basement or ground floor only when four full floors are used for class rooms.

The depth of the plot, 105 feet plus or minus, is not sufficient, and the length of the plot along Garden street and the rear line, 150' 6" plus or minus, are certainly not ample

for a building of such size, even though the source of and the safeguarding of light be entirely ignored. In safeguarding light to class rooms, the German rule, which provides that a line drawn from the window sill of the lowest class room to the roof line nearest building should be on an angle of not more than forty-five degrees, should not be disregarded. The city should purchase sufficient land in order to follow this rule, which is accepted as conservative and good. Under the conditions shown in plans, this rule is entirely ignored, as the building would cover almost the full plot. To crowd twenty-eight class rooms and an assembly room with balconies in a space of 105 feet in depth and 150' 6" long is practically an impossibility, if provision is to be made for proper accommodations for pupils, good stairs and corridors, assembly room, play courts, etc. The fact that four class rooms were added in the basement floor after the plans were practically finished shows to what extremity the designer was driven in endeavoring to satisfy the demands for large accommodations in a small space.

While the serious features of the plans have been reviewed there are other items which should receive your attention. The building as planned is four stories high, with a low cellar under the ground floor. It was necessary to construct this cellar under the ground floor in order to provide air space under the class rooms located on the ground floor. The building is a four-story building so far as class rooms are concerned and this is objectionable, as I have said, if it can be avoided.

It is true that some large cities have been obliged to plan four-story school buildings, indeed some have erected schools of more than four stories, but where land is not expensive the height of a building should not exceed three floors of class rooms, and where property is sufficiently cheap, two floors of class rooms are infinitely better. Using the ground floor for administration rooms, teachers' rooms, four class rooms and two large toilet rooms made it impossible to set aside any space for manual training, which subject you will doubtless consider in a building accommodating so many pupils. The plans provide for no exterior play courts, there being no room for such play courts, as the building covers practically the entire plot.

The expensive underground work necessary because the class rooms are located on the street floor could be entirely avoided if more land were available for increasing the size of the building.

To summarize what has been said regarding the design and arrangement of rooms,

corridors, etc., there are ten rooms which must be considered undesirable, there should be four interior fire-stairs instead of two fire-stairs and two fire-escapes, there should be a cross corridor connecting the two corridors shown on plans, the assembly room with its balconies should be shut off from the rest of the building, the size of the plot is not sufficient to meet your requirements, the building should not have more than three floors of class rooms and additional toilets should be installed on the upper floors.

III.—KIND AND CHARACTER OF CONSTRUCTION, ETC.

The building, as shown by the plans, requires fireproof construction of a reinforced concrete type, with flat arches.

The drawings indicate a more costly type of construction than is necessary and can be re-designed in such a way that nothing will be lost in the strength and a considerable amount be saved in the cost.

A flat ceiling type of construction is employed—that is, no girders or beams of reinforced concrete show beneath the ceiling line. This type, so far as this particular plan is concerned, is very much more expensive than the girder, beam and slab construction, and the only thing gained is the fact that there are no beams or girders showing on the ceilings, if, indeed, this can be called a gain.

In the plans under consideration, not only is the type of construction more expensive in itself, but it requires additional story heights and therefore additional steps for the pupils to climb.

In the report of your President, special attention was called to some extremely heavy girders supporting the roof over the assembly room. These girders, as designed, carry out the general scheme of the method of construction adopted, but a material amount of money could be saved if another method of construction had been substituted and the roof over assembly room carried by means of steel trusses, which should have weighed very much less and cost less to erect. An additional consideration is that the less costly steel trusses would require less massive foundations and supports. The roof construction also is of more expensive type than necessary, and a considerable quantity and weight of material could be eliminated and not only lighten the construction, but save enough in cost to make a change well worth while. The foundation plans indicate that sufficient data were not furnished on which a careful calculation for the size of the reinforced concrete foundations required.

The actual size and shape of foundations should be determined when the plans are

prepared and before the estimates of cost are taken.

If the ground on which this school is to be built is as good as the ground in the neighborhood, and your Committee informs me that this is so, then a considerable sum of money can be saved by re-designing the foundations.

In order to carry out the method of concrete construction adopted, and to show no beams or girders in any part of the rooms, the plans require certain furring around the exterior of the building and throughout certain portions of the interior, between reinforced concrete columns supporting interior construction. This furring averages twelve inches or more away from the exterior walls and the full width of the interior posts, while customary furring for buildings of this character does not exceed two inches.

If a more simple method of construction were adopted the greater part of the cost of the furring could be saved and perhaps, what is more important, a great deal of space now lost would be gained, and thus go to make the rooms larger and better.

The plans require steel sash for all interior windows. There is no advantage to be gained in providing steel windows, unless the windows are glazed with fireproof glass. Iron or sheet metal windows do not in themselves afford any protection in case of fire unless glazed with wire glass. While steel windows with wire glass may be an advantage, it is a question whether the great expense is justified in this case. By substituting the ordinary wood window a very considerable saving could be effected.

The principal points mentioned in connection with the type and character of construction are that a saving can be effected by adopting another method of fireproof construction, by furnishing sufficient data in order that the foundation may be more carefully designed, by omitting the unusual furring and substituting customary furring, and by substituting wood windows for steel windows.

There are several minor features of the construction which might be discussed, but your Committee informs me that only the essential features need be considered at this time.

The items mentioned are those in which, by re-designing, a very material saving can be made, and this saving may be estimated at not less than \$35,000.

The drawings do not show a complete heating and ventilating system, and I therefore cannot consider this.

IV.—SKETCHES.

At the first consultation with your Com-

mittee and architect an alternating sketch for one floor plan was submitted to me for advice as to the possibility of improving the plans and increasing the accommodations for pupils by substituting the alternating scheme or design for that required by the approved plans.

To my mind this sketch does not improve upon the plan, as the additional rooms gained are obviously undesirable, in that they are badly located and the light in them is not safeguarded. They add to an already overcrowded plan and yet do not afford sufficient additional seating capacity for the number of pupils you wish to accommodate.

You also wished advice concerning the practicability of amending the original plans and specifications so that the change suggested in this sketch could be included in the work under contract, by acting in accordance with the clause in the specifications or contract which provides that any alterations and additions to the plans may be ordered by your Board and the cost for additional work and material, or the allowance for work and material omitted, adjusted with the contractors, as the work added or omitted increases or decreases the cost of the building.

It is not within the line of my work to advise you to what extent you can legally amend the plans and specifications, but so radical a change as this would certainly necessitate the preparation of entirely new plans and specifications, for these reasons:

- A—The entire framing construction would require new calculations and designs.
- B—The plans for foundations, the exterior elevations affected, the sectional drawings and each floor plan would have to be new, as all of these drawings are affected by the changes the sketch suggests.
- C—The toilet rooms, stairs, etc., would require new planning to meet the necessities of additional pupils.
- D—In order to make the additions and alterations complete and definite and to record all changes involved, new plans and specifications would be required, except only for certain detail sheets which show typical work and material.

It would be impossible to arrange for unit prices on all kinds of additional work required by the sketch, as the cost of labor and material varies with the character and position of the work involved.

This is self-evident. It follows that unit prices could not be determined for the work omitted.

It would, therefore, be necessary for your Board to accept the figures submitted by the contractors, and thus also accept the figures

submitted by their many sub-contractors and material men, or set against such charges and allowances figures prepared by your experts, and as is always the case, if the figures do not agree, in turn submit them to an umpire for final adjustment. With changes so involved as to require new drawings, it is not possible that the figures of the contractors and your experts would agree, and so it can be accepted as a fact that the services of an umpire would be required.

Such a procedure would be very costly, for the contractors would be entitled to compensation for estimating on an entirely new set of plans, as such work would be thrust upon them; your experts would charge for their work as would the umpire, and as the changes are such that the cost of the entire building and all its parts would have to be calculated, these charges would be a considerable percentage of the entire cost of the building and would not amount to less than ten or twelve thousand dollars.

It is true that only the charges made by experts and umpire would appear as such on your books, but each contractor and the many sub-contractors would justly charge such work on the price of additional work and deduct same in making allowances. From a financial standpoint, therefore, it would be not only unwise, but unjust to the city's interest to attempt so great an alteration to a building already under contract for construction. Your Board would be in the position of not knowing, because of having no way to actually determine, whether you had dealt justly with the contractors or with the city, and you would be open to just criticism and probably condemned for adopting so irrational a course.

After the alternative sketch here mentioned was discussed it was proposed by your Committee that your architect prepare a complete floor plan sketch, disregarding the present plot lines, but showing a plan that would afford proper accommodations for 1,400 pupils, and meet the requirements and intent of the State law in all respects.

Your architect stated that pressure of certain other business would prevent his submitting such sketch at the time set, and it was agreed that I should prepare same, go over it with your architect and then submit sketch to your Committee for criticism. A sketch of each floor was then prepared, submitted to and approved by your architect, and presented to the Committee. These drawings, which, with but few alterations, met with general approval, clearly indicate that additional land should be acquired, but, as your Committee has already reported to your Board on this matter, it is not necessary to further consider the matter at this time.

Some few weeks later a third sketch was prepared and submitted by your architect. These drawings followed quite closely the lines of the second sketch just mentioned, except that the plans showed a building that could be erected within the plot lines.

These drawings are subject to the objections already made to the original plans, in that the light is not properly guarded, class rooms are shown on four floors, there are no interior or exterior play courts, the accommodations are not adequate, etc., etc., and while this last sketch is plainly better than the original plans for the building, still there are very objectionable features absolutely unavoidable because of the restricted area of the property.

As in the case of the first sketch discussed, it would be impossible to make a substitution of any sketch for the original plans, and for the same reasons.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

As a result of examining the original plans and specifications and the three sketches, I would respectfully recommend:

1—That the plans and specifications for the erection of School No. 1, as adopted by your Board and the contracts entered into by your Board for the erection of said school building be abandoned on such terms as are most advantageous to the city.

2—That your Board purchase more land to materially increase the dimensions of present site in order that a school building of proper size, accommodations and character can be designed.

3—That your Board have new plans and specifications prepared which shall be designed along the lines of the sketch submitted by consulting architect, which sketch was informally approved by your Committee.

4—That after submitting new plans and specifications to the State Board of Education for approval, your Board secure estimates of cost by not later than February, 1913, in order that prices may be obtained before the usual rush of Spring building work, and so that you can reasonably expect a completed building by the first of January, 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN T. ROWLAND, JR.

Mr. Laverty moved that the report be received and spread in full on the minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Marnell, when Mr. Wendelken moved, which motion was seconded by Mr. Barso, that the report be laid on the table. The motion to lie on the table was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

The original motion was placed before the Board and carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That Beyer and McCann, City Surveyors of the City of Hoboken, be and they are hereby employed and directed to make a survey for the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken of the following premises, to wit:

Property of John Podesta, northeast corner of Garden and Third streets;

Property of Richard Dewey, No. 156 Third street; also premises Nos. 315, 317, 319 and 321 Garden street and the premises Nos. 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316 and 318 Bloomfield street, all of which the said Board contemplates acquiring for school purposes.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nay—Mr. Barso.

The following was presented by Mr. Barso and referred to the Committee of the Whole, viz.:

Resolved, That the deductions that were made in the salaries of employees, in November, 1911, who attended the obsequies of the Rev. Monsignor Kelly, be and the same are hereby ordered refunded.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, a copy of the report of Consulting Architect Rowland was ordered sent by the Secretary to Architect Ciccarelli and State Building Inspector McDermott; also that Mr. Ciccarelli be invited to be present at the next session of the Board, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Mr. Barso called the attention of the Board to the "Social Centre" feature of the Winter of 1911, and the matter was referred to the Committee on School Government to be considered at the regular Committee meeting, when the "Social Centre" Committee of citizens would be invited to be present.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

STATED SESSION.

Stated session of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, November 18, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The reading of the minutes of October 21-28 and November 11, 1912, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

The reports of the Superintendent of the attendance at the Industrial School; the deductions in the pay roll for October; the Medical Inspectors; that of the School Nurse, the Truant Officers, the Dental Clinic, and that of tardiness, were presented and placed on file.

The Superintendent's report of the attendance in the Public Schools, showing an enrollment of 9,335, with an average attendance of 8,490, was presented and referred to the Committee on School Government.

Superintendent Demarest reported the opening of the Medical Clinic in the High School, for the treatment of patients, on Thursday, November 14, 1912.

The report was placed on file.

Superintendent Demarest reported that Mr. Herman Pfennigwerth had served as a probationary teacher in the Manual Training Department and had been reported as satisfactory in instruction and discipline, and recommended the permanent appointment of Mr. Pfennigwerth in the employ of the Board of Education.

The report of the Superintendent was referred to the Committee on School Government.

County Superintendent M. H. Kinsley reported having issued an order in favor of the Custodian, in the sum of \$4,872.36, on account of the State apportionment.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Secretary Kerr reported the receipt from Principal Brandt, of the High School, of the sum of \$1,162.50, on account of tuition fees for non-resident pupils entered in the High School for the September term, the receipt of the Custodian of School Moneys therefor being also submitted.

The report of the Secretary was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary presented his monthly report of the condition of the several funds.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Business Manager Clayton submitted his report of the reading of the metres for water, gas and electric light; also his report of the repairs done and supplies furnished since his last report. Mr. Clayton made especial mention of the progress of the sinking of the artesian well as having reached a depth of about 490 feet and giving approximately 20 gallons per minute. He also reported the installation of the Medical Clinic in the High School on November 14 at a cost to date of \$713.11.

The report of the Business Manager was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A communication from the West Disinfectant Company, in reference to a soap dispenser and liquid soap, was presented and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Miss Margaret Becker, the operator on the telephone switchboard in the office of the Board, presented her resignation, to take effect on November 16, 1912, and on motion her resignation was accepted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Architect Ciccarella submitted the following statement in reply to the report of Consulting Architect John T. Rowland, Jr., which had been presented at the adjourned session of November 11, 1912:

Hoboken, N. J., Nov. 18, 1912.

To the Honorable Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, N. J.:

Gentlemen—On November 12, I received a copy of a report made to your Honorable Board of November 9, 1912, by Mr. John T. Rowland, Jr., who, I understand, you have appointed your consulting architect.

Under date of November 13, I also received from your Secretary, Mr. William Kerr, the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Nov. 12, 1912.

Eugene Ciccarella, Esq.:

Dear Sir—Doubtless you have received through President Lankering, a copy of the report submitted by John T. Rowland, Jr., and which was presented and read at the adjourned session of the Board, held on the 11th instant.

By direction of the Board a copy of said report was to be handed to you, and you were to be notified to be present at the stated session of the Board to be held November 18, 1912.

Will you kindly accept this as said notice?

Very truly yours,

W. A. KERR, Secretary.

In view of the fact that your Board received that report and ordered it spread in full on the minutes, thus making it a public

record; I have concluded that a written answer would be the proper mode of approaching this subject, thereby giving your Board an opportunity of following its laudable policy of pitiless publicity by ordering my answer also spread in full upon the minutes.

Considering that it has taken your "Consulting Architect" two months, from September 9 to November 9, to prepare the very voluminous report, it is no doubt in accordance with the practice of justice, as exemplified in the City of Hoboken, that I should be requested to answer it in the very extended space of time covered by seven days.

Without entering into the motives which prompted Mr. Rowland to enter into a discussion of this kind; without giving proper consideration to the usual professional practice dictated by professional ethics, especially when he knew that the plan is yet to be drawn, or the building yet to be built, which cannot be criticised, I would remind Mr. Rowland of the fact that he who would criticise the works of others should at least place himself in touch with the conditions existing at the time when that work was performed.

From a close examination of Mr. Rowland's report, it is evident that he has either intentionally or because it was necessary, in order to accomplish the task which was placed before him, to fail to inform himself of the conditions existing at the time when the plans in question were drawn. This fact is evidenced throughout his report. From the second page of his report I may quote as follows:

"My views are necessarily based on what I find in the plans and specifications, as I have no way of learning what instructions were given to your architect at the time the drawings were prepared, and, while I have understood during my interviews with your architect and your Committee, that certain instructions were given, such instructions must be liable to dispute, as they are not matters of record, but rather of memory only."

Did Mr. Rowland know that a written contract is on file with your Board, made between your Honorable Board and myself, which said contract distinctly sets forth certain instructions? And if he did not know of the existence of this contract, why did he not seek information from the members of the Board of 1911 and the architect, the only men who could have informed him of the conditions existing at that time? The only men who could have told him that in the early part of 1911 it was understood that the State Board of Education, or its representatives, were seriously considering the condemnation of Public Schools No. 2 and No. 3,

in which event a larger school than that which has been planned would be necessary. As a fair-minded judge, would it not be clearly his duty to seek all the information possible before he attempted to besmirch the reputation and professional standing of a fellow practitioner?

If I were to follow my personal inclination, I would take the report for what it is worth and refuse to make any answer to it, feeling assured that at some future time I would obtain justice either from your Honorable Board or through a court of justice presided over by an impartial judge. But past experience has taught me that the ultimate sufferers are the people who must, wily nilly, "pay the piper," and consequently I have concluded to answer a few of the many objections.

Under the caption "accommodations," Mr. Rowland refers to the enrollment of the old building as 970, and states that the building as planned would accommodate 1,008, an increase of 38 pupils. This is certainly very startling that the people of Hoboken should be led into paying thousands of dollars for the erection of a new building of "questionable construction," not to mention the destruction of the old building, and all for the accommodation of only 38 additional pupils! The scenes are well set, but why is the statement made? What bearing has it upon the correctness or incorrectness of the plans? Is this simply a link in the chain which he is endeavoring to forge, and, if not, why does not Mr. Rowland, if he must make the statement, inform us that the enrollment was based on the congested condition of the old school, a condition which was contrary to law and which was, no doubt, one of the reasons why the old building was condemned by the State Board of Education? Why does he not figure the capacity of the old school as required by law, namely, 18 square feet per child, and thus prove that far from accommodating 970, old No. 1 did not provide for more than 450, and thus show that provision was made in the new plan for over 550 additional pupils?

Your "consulting architect" claims that it is the opinion of your Committee that the new school should accommodate 1,400 pupils. That is a point which I cannot contest. In all likelihood, if this school is not built by the Board of 1912, the Committee of the Board of 1913 may decide that the 1,400 should be increased to 2,000, and upon the appointment of another "consulting architect" of equal if not higher repute, they, in their wise judgment, may conclude that the plans are all wrong.

Certainly, if your committee deems it to the best interests of the City of Hoboken that a

larger building should be built, and that that building should accommodate 1,400, then the plans as drawn cannot be used.

As to the size of the class rooms, 22' 00"x 30' 0", Mr. Rowland admits that the adoption of that size classroom is not an error. On page four of his report the following appears: "It is no doubt very desirable to limit the number of pupils per teacher," and again on pages 4 and 5, "A larger building than that which has been planned must be provided either by constructing more than twenty-eight classrooms of the size shown on plans, etc.," hence I need not take up this part of the report, although a great deal can be said in favor of a classroom of that size, while practically no argument can be advanced in favor of a larger size classroom.

Under what might be termed the second indictment, on page 5, under the caption, 'Design and Arrangement of Rooms,' the charge is made that "six of the classrooms shown on the drawings, viz, two on first, second and third floors, each receive light from the narrow side of the room." It is admitted that the glass area is equal to 20 per cent. of the floor space; that the plans were approved by the State School Architect, so that these classrooms fully comply with the requirements of the law, yet Mr. Rowlands contends, notwithstanding that fact, "this does not convince me and is not proof that the plans comply with what the State law intends." In other words, Mr. Rowland in addition to assuming the role of consulting architect, also poses as interpreter of the laws of this State, and having assumed that role, contends that the rows of seats furthest from the window will not receive adequate light. How does he reach that conclusion; I am at loss to discern from his report. Does he tell you at what angle the light strikes the glass? After having struck the glass, how the light is diffused by the air and particles of dust within the rooms? What light is refracted by walls and to what degree? Does he tell you what proportion or percentage of light is available at the first row of seats or at the last? If we are going to be fair in this matter, let Mr. Rowland produce whatever data he may have on hand, which leads him to reach this abnormal conclusion, and I will prove with his own figures that he is in error. I might disprove his statement with a technical discussion, substantiated by eminent authority, but a discussion of that kind would be hard for a lay mind to follow, and at the end would only prove a useless waste of time. However, if Mr. Rowland

cannot produce any data, then I will construct a full size model of one of the classrooms in question, provided that either Mr. Rowland or your Honorable Board will bear the expense if it is found by an impartial committee of laymen that your consulting architect is in error in his report on this subject.

The four classrooms on the first floor were not added after the sketches were drawn, but were added after the working drawings were finished; my only objection to these classrooms is that they are somewhat smaller than I would want them. Mr. Rowland makes the objection that "unless the traffic along Garden street and Third street is very light the noise in these rooms would be almost intolerable."

This, unfortunately, is true in the case of every first floor classroom. It makes no difference whether first floor is located over a cellar or over a basement. Any one who understands the rapidity with which sound travels will readily understand that four feet differences in height can make but an imperceptible difference in the volume of sound conveyed to the ear.

In his sketches you will note that he occupies the greater part of the whole first floor, which he places over a basement for classroom purposes, and the floor of this first story, according to his own statement, will be placed four or five feet above the grade, so that the windows of that floor will be placed, at the most, not more than two feet above the average man's head. You, as laymen, do you believe that rooms so situated will minimize that fault? And do you believe that raising or lowering of this floor four feet can alter this undesirable condition? If you do, let me tell you that the public will not believe it.

The objection to the twin cloak rooms is one which, if made in good faith, would be deserving of discussion, provided that the plans are really defective. In that case, I would remind him that we cannot always obtain the ideal, even in school construction. At times we are bound by conditions over which we have no control, sometimes through lack of space, at other times, as in this case, through a question of reasonable economy.

This I might say to anyone else, but your consulting architect certainly has no right to raise this contention, nor is he deserving of an answer, especially when we consider that he is continually using that grooping of cloak rooms in his own work, or, I should say, the work which is accredited to him.

As we proceed with our examination of the "report" we find that the "stairs comply

with the law by four flights of stairs, each 4' 0" wide, would be far better than two flights 6' 0" wide, and Mr. Rowland continues, "authorities may differ on this subject." This latter statement was, to my mind, added to his report so as to offset any argument tending to show that it would be next to impossible to design a compact building of the dimensions in question with four stair halls unless the main exits to two of the halls were made on the borders of an alley 4' 9" wide. To say that authorities differ is to use a subterfuge. No one who knows anything about a school building would make such a ridiculous statement. There is no difference of opinion. Every authority on school construction will tell you that the more stairs we introduce in a school building the more facilities we have to empty that school building, and, consequently, better discipline will be maintained; but they will also tell you that there is a limit to luxuries; a medium must be established, and that medium is set by the laws of your State. In your case, certainly the best judge as to the number of stairs required in this school is your own School Superintendent, who unquestionably is a higher authority than Mr. Rowland on the question of school discipline and management.

The next objection we find relates to the fire-escapes. Mr. Rowland tells us that in themselves they are well designed, "but they have improper approaches;" that they should not be approached through a cloak room. In locating the fire-escapes, the first question that presents itself to our minds is location, and with that question in mind we examine the plans so as to locate them; we find that along the Garden street front we have two fire-proof stair halls, and we conclude that that part of the building is well taken care of, and we now direct our attention to the Third street or southern front. Here we find that class rooms are ranged along the whole frontage. We might place a fire escape on that front, but access to it must be had either through one of the cloak rooms or through one of the class rooms, and we would also find that a fire escape on a street front, no matter how ornate it may be, certainly detracts from the appearance of that front. But by far the most serious objection is that a fire escape so located will be too distant from the class rooms on the opposite side of the building, and so we direct our attention to the opposite or north side of the building with a view of locating the fire escapes there. This side being a duplicate of the Third street side, we find is subject to the same objections, consequently we direct our attention to the only remaining side of the

building, namely, the rear or easterly side, and here we find an ideal location between the two wings of the building and directly in the rear of the assembly hall, and we locate our fire escape there.

We now criticise the plan for each floor.

On the first floor we find four class rooms, accommodating in all 144 scholars, but that floor being located slightly above the ground level, we conclude that fire-escapes are not necessary for that floor; we now take up the second, third and fourth floor plans and we find that they are identical in every respect, so we revert back to the second floor; here we find that there are eight class rooms, each accommodating 36 pupils, or a total of 288; but as the assembly hall divides the building, we find that an imaginary line drawn through the plan from the Garden street front, straight through to the rear, will divide the plan into two equal and identical halves, each containing four rooms and accommodating 144 pupils, so that the maximum number of pupils we must protect in case of fire is 144. We now proceed to consider the best means of vacating the building, and on inspection we find two of the class rooms adjoining the fire proof stair hall, being placed one on each side of said hall, one class room to the extreme rear of the building and another class directly adjoining. We also find that the four class rooms are connected by a corridor 12' 0" wide, which extends from the fire proof stair hall to the rear of building, but after passing the entrance door of the last class room at the rear, the corridor is converted into a cloak room, from which cloak room access is had to the fire escapes by means of two doors leading directly to the fire escapes. It is beyond contention that the minimum number of children to protect in case of fire is 144; of that number, 72, being 36 from each class room adjoining the fire proof stair hall, will escape through the said fire proof stair hall because the three doors adjoin each other and for the further reason that they know that each outlet is the safest refuge for them owing to its unquestionable fire proof qualities. We now have seventy-two pupils to protect. Of this number, 36, those located in the class room at the extreme rear of the building, must enter the cloak room for their clothes. It would be foolish to bring them out into the corridor, so the proper exit for them is directly to the fire escape, and thus we have 36 pupils left to account for. These pupils are located in the class room adjoining the rear class room and in seeking for an exit for them we find that they must escape either through the cloak room and then to the fire escape or by means of the fire proof stair hall; some of them might escape through the fire proof

stair hall, but the majority of them will no doubt seek the nearest point of escape and that is to the fire escapes. So that in the worst case if all the children congregate in the cloak rooms we can at no time have more than 72, who would be in a position to leave the cloak room in a very few minutes. This result of course would be satisfactory to the designer, for throughout our whole discussion we have not taken into consideration the supervision of the four teachers, one from each class room, nor the splendid discipline, such as fire drills and other accessories in vogue under our modern system of public instruction. Having reached this conclusion, the designer now decides that, although the problem is solved, it would be better if the cloak room could be changed to a corridor, so he proceeds with a further examination of the plan, which demonstrates that the cloak room is formed by running a fire proof partition at right angles to the main axis of the corridor and by removing this partition the corridor is formed; but now he finds that, although the corridor is extended to the fire escape, a cloak room must be provided for the rear class room; this he accomplishes by projecting the north wall of the rear class room 10' 0" further north and by placing the cloak room parallel with the corridor between the said corridor and the class room. He now reviews his plans and finds that he has increased the area of his plan 440 square feet on each floor. The question of cost is the next consideration. Now should this \$5,000 be spent? Certainly not because 36 children must pass through a cloak room to reach a fire escape? He takes up the School Law. He finds that even with the number of fire proof stair halls he has provided in his plan, he can eliminate the fire escapes altogether. He considers the fire proof qualities of the building, the fact that no heating apparatus will be placed within the building, the remote possibility of a fire occurring in a building of this character. He takes the extreme case and assumes that a panic will occur, that all the 144 scholars will rush for the fire escapes, that not one of them will use the fire proof stair hall, that all children having reached the cloak room door will pass through only one at a time even at the very slow pace of 18 inches per second; he finds that the eldest child will be able to leave the building in less than three minutes. He weighs the evidence against the expenditure of \$5,000. He concludes, as your Mr. Rowland should have concluded if he had followed a proper process of reasoning, or as I have concluded, that it is better to bear the condemnation of experts, rather than to assume the moral responsibility of foolishly spending \$5,000 of

the public funds.

Mr. Rowland has made the claim that no provision has been made for corridors connecting the two main corridors or what might be termed the lateral corridors, which lead to the fire proof stair halls. Here he shows that he has not read the plans properly, for he endeavors to convey to the lay mind the false impression that the two corridors are connected by a balcony intended for the accommodation of seats. As the plan is drafted, it provides a continuous and uninterrupted passage all around the building, giving access to every class room on each floor; the floor of each balcony is on the one level with the corridors and in an even plane, in all its parts. I want to make it plain that architecturally a balcony as applied in this case is a misnomer—the proper term to use is "gallery." This term springs from the old English architecture, which, in turn, was no doubt taken from the Italian word "Galleria," a covered and lighted way for foot passengers—as applied in old English and Continental architecture, when corridors and passages were not usually provided, a "Gallery" served as an unobstructed means of communication between the staircase and the several rooms of the building, (see Russell Sturges' Dictionary of Architecture), and that is the use for which the gallery in question is provided. In that sense every corridor in Public School No. 1, as planned, is a gallery, each and every one of them being a covered and lighted way for foot passengers.

All the corridors overlook the assembly hall, being separated from the assembly hall by means of a fire proof arcade, excepting in the case of the gallery in question, where the arcade is omitted. All these arcades being used to borrow light from the assembly hall. It would be an easy problem to enclose these arcades with glass, but this would be a useless waste of money and would serve to no purpose. Every child knows when and at what time of the day the assembly hall is used, and whether the exercises in that hall would interfere with the usual duties of the class room. Therefore, this subject can be passed over by me without further comments. By reference to the plans, we find that there are two class rooms in the centre of the building overlooking Garden street, and directly in the rear of these class rooms, the gallery in question is located.

If the suggestion offered by Mr. Rowland is to be followed, then the gallery must be enclosed by a wall on the side overlooking the assembly hall, and this wall must be unperforated by windows, for, according to

your consulting architect, a fire proof building with practically solid concrete floors is constantly menaced by fire; therefore, windows must be omitted, as they are fully as dangerous as openings. If this suggestion is followed, the result will be a dark passageway, at least, in the first and second stories, and, in addition, the width of the corridor must be deducted from the length of the assembly hall, with the natural result that the said hall will become too small for the purpose for which it is intended. Mr. Rowland, in order to overcome this objection, has reached the happy conclusion that your Board should buy 13' 6" from the rear of the lots facing on Bloomfield street, and adding this 15' 0" to the depth of the building, thus making it 113' 0" deep, thus adding an additional expense of \$7,000.00 to the ultimate cost of the building. In reviewing this proposition we are confronted with the question of whether it is not better to leave the gallery as shown on plans or spend an additional \$7,000.00, or, in other words, is an enclosed passageway worth \$7,000.000 in this case? And I concluded that, taking everything in consideration, it was not worth it.

I have heretofore described the galleries around the assembly hall, and in taking up the question of heating and ventilation of this hall. I will not again describe them nor their connection with the said hall, knowing that description you will readily understand that the assembly hall is not "One with the Corridors." The corridors and the assembly hall are separate and distinct, while the corridors lead to the stair halls they are shut off from the stair hall by fire-proof partitions and self-closing fire-proof doors, so that there will be no drafts, which will materially endanger the workings of the heating and ventilating system. In this respect you have exactly the same condition in Public School No. 9, and, although the heating in No. 1 as planned is more direct than in No. 9, and would consequently give quicker and better results, and be under more perfect control, still No. 9 is a fair model from which you can decide whether this hall can be heated and ventilated properly. That it can be done and done well and efficiently I can substantiate by the written estimates of several responsible heating and ventilating firms, who are willing to accept the work and give bonds to the effect that the building will be heated to 70 degrees and properly ventilated.

I might quote innumerable buildings all over the country in which the exact same problems as presented in this assembly hall

has been solved and solved successfully. I might refer to school buildings in the Eastern States, where the class rooms have been so planned that they surround the assembly hall without any division of any kind excepting a ballustrade, and you would find that successful results have been obtained.

I might refer you to innumerable churches, halls of public assemblies, theatres and foyers of theatres throughout the country, with the same results. But this is not necessary, as on this question your consulting architect certainly is not an authority, for, at the best, he can only have a superficial knowledge of a subject upon which even the best authorities differ.

The question of additional water closets is a minor detail. Every architect wants and would place all the accommodations possible in a school building, but very often they are not permitted to follow their own inclinations by the exigency of the plan.

Provision was made in the original sketch for a manual training department, but for reasons best known to your Committee, I was instructed that no manual training rooms were desired.

I agree with your consulting architect when he states, "in safeguarding light to class rooms, the German rule, which provides that a line drawn from the window sill of the lowest class room to the roof line of the nearest building should be on an angle of not more than 45 degrees, should not be disregarded." That is a rule which is inflexible, and should never be disregarded, but, "under the conditions shown in plans this rule is entirely ignored."

Now, let us see what truth there is in the latter statement. As your Committee will recollect, they informed me at the time this plan was under consideration that the land which they intended to devote to this school consisted of the old school property, the Podestá property, the Dewey property, and one lot about 20' 5" wide, more or less, situated along the north line of the old school property, facing on Garden street, thus we had a total frontage of 171' 0", more or less, on Garden street, an average depth of 104' 9" plus from Garden street east towards Bloomfield street, which is the actual depth of the plot from the north line to the rear line of the Dewey property where an additional 26' 3", more or less, is added to the depth of the plot, thus making the total frontage on Third street 131' 0", more or less. Directly in the rear or eastern line of the school property there is a plot of land 95' 0", plus or minus, and facing on Bloomfield street, upon which plot several

buildings stand, none of which have a greater depth than 50' 0", thus leaving yards 45' 0", more or less, directly in the rear and adjoining the easterly line of the school plot. On the north side, facing on Garden street, there is a brick building not over 33' 0" high. I was further instructed by your Committee that the new building should take in part of the Dewey property, the Podesta property and as much of the old school site as I thought proper, but to leave an alley on the north line of the old school plot, so as to safeguard the light to the class rooms situated on the north side of the building. The 20-foot lot, more or less, situated on the north line to be reserved for a boiler house, which would be not over 16' 00" high. I accordingly planned the school extending 136' 8" along Garden street, keeping the building 11' 6¾" away from the north line. I extended the building back 99' 4", overlapping the western line of the Dewey property 26' 3"x50' 0" unoccupied, and a strip of land along the eastern or rear line 4' 9" plus, so that the building, when erected, would stand on the corner of Garden street and Third street, and facing on both streets.

We will now apply the "German rule." For the class rooms on the Garden street and Third street fronts this need not be done. This disposes of the southern and western sides of the building. On the north side we have a strip of land 11' 6¾" wide. Next we have the proposed boiler house and adjoining the boiler house we have the brick building 33' 0" high, above mentioned. Thus we have from the north wall of the school building to the south wall of the said brick building 31' 6¾", more or less. Upon examining the plans we find that the sill of the lowest window is about 4' 0" above the grade. If we now draw a line from this sill at an angle of 45 degrees this line will extend over the boiler house and roof of the adjoining brick building, and thus we find that the "German rule" has been applied for the north side. We now turn to the eastern side or rear of the building. Here we find that we have a strip of land 4' 9" plus, and in addition the yards of the buildings facing on Bloomfield street. From the plans we find that the sills of the lowest windows (the play rooms) are 3' 4" above the grade, and if we now draw the line from any of the sills we again find that said line will pass over any of the roofs.

The argument may be advanced that at any time deeper and higher buildings might be erected on that land, and thus obstruct the light, and my answer to this argument is that Section I, Article III, of the Tenement House Act, prohibits the occupancy of more

than 70 per centum of any interior lot. Hence, if new tenement houses were to be erected on that land the light would still be sufficiently safeguarded. On the other hand, if it appears that any other class of building is contemplated, your Board still has its rights of condemnation. I could not and would not take upon myself the responsibility of recommending to your Board the condemnation of land which at that time was unnecessary.

To any one knowing the congested condition of the City of Hoboken, and who knows its limited area, the objection to a four-story school building must appear absurd. Naturally, a two-story building is better than a four-story building for school purposes. But, can the City of Hoboken afford to establish the policy of covering large tracts of land with school buildings?

We now come to the chief bone of contention—the reinforced concrete work. Your consulting architect states in his report that a flat ceiling type of construction, as employed in the plan designed by me, is very much more expensive than the girder, beam and slab construction. This statement I absolutely deny. If your consulting architect had in mind such a system as he employed in your High School, then again I say that his statement cannot be upheld. To substantiate my denial, we will take for example a floor panel of one of the class rooms 22' 0"x30' 0". If we were to adopt the beam and slab system as employed in the High School, we would employ two girders each 10"x20"x22' 0", two girders or beams 10"x20"x30' 0", and one girder or beam 10"x22"x30' 0", and one floor slab 3½"x22' 0"x30' 0", or 394.58 cubic feet of concrete.

The reinforcement required would be as follows:

Beams:		
2 1¾"x2¾"x22' 0" Kahn bars.....	299.2	lbs
2 ¾"x22' 0" cup bars.....	116.6	lbs
2 2"x3"x22' 0" Kahn bars.....	448.8	lbs
2 ¾"x22' 0" cup bars.....	59.4	lbs
6 1½"x2¼"x30' 0" Kahn bars....	964.	lbs
6 ¾"x30' 0" cup bars.....	351.	lbs
Slab, 36 ½"x22' 0" cup bars.....	683.1	lbs

Total steel2,822.121 lbs
Top reinforcement not considered.

So that to install the beam and slab system, as recommended by your consulting architect, you must employ at least 394 cubic feet of concrete and 2,822 lbs. of steel.

We will not consider the same floor panel as a hollow tile construction. For this we will need one girder 10"x20"x22' 0", one girder 12"x20"x22' 0", one girder 10"x20"x30' 0", one girder 10"x1"x30' 0", 21 floor

joist, 4"x10"x22' 0", one slab 2"x22' 0"x30' 0". Total 370.98 cubic feet of concrete.

Reinforcement:

Beams: 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "x2"x30' 0" Kahn bars. 243 lbs
 2 $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x30' 0" Kahn bars. 288 lbs
 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "x2"x22' 0" Kahn bars. 178.2 lbs
 2 $1\frac{1}{4}$ "x2"x22' 0" Kahn bars. 299.2 lbs
 Joists: 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ "x2"x22' 0" Kahn bars. 1247.4 lbs
 Slab, none.

Total steel 2255.8 lbs
 Top reinforcement not considered; metal tile to be accounted for.

Thus we find that the system used by your consulting architect in your High School requires:

Concrete, 394 cubic feet. Steel, 2,822 lbs
 As per plans:
 Concrete, 370 cubic feet. Steel, 2,255 lbs

Balance in favor
 of system as
 per plans 14 cubic feet 567 lbs

And further, if we use the slab system we must increase the exterior wall 4" in thickness, as then they become bearing walls, and in compliance with your local building code they must be increased in thickness.

These figures are incontestable and can be readily proven by reference to the plans now on file at your office. The same rule holds good not alone for the class-room floors, but to a greater degree for floors of corridors, cloak rooms and other parts. It is true that I have not taken in consideration the cost of the metal tiles, nor the extra labor in setting the tile on the forms, but as they are simply cheap forms of No. 28 galvanized iron, their cost will be more than counterbalanced by the increased thickness in the outer walls, additional cost of forms, as the forms for a slab and beam system must be so constructed that they will permit no leakage, while the forms for the tile system consists of a narrow plank set every 16" in addition to the necessary supports, and the additional cost of at least 500 lbs. of steel for each class-room floor, so that, taking everything in consideration, estimating the both systems, a difference in dollars and cents is found in favor of the system I have adopted as against the system used in the High School.

Now as to appearance: You, as laymen, can satisfy yourselves by inspecting both No. 9 School, which is a type of the hollow tile system, and the High School, which is a type of the beam and slab system. At No. 9 you will find the whole ceiling absolutely flat, while at the High School at least from two to five 10" girders will be found hanging 20" to 22" from the ceiling of each and every class room of the size above mentioned.

The beam and slab system should not be employed in a school building unless a drop ceiling is used to provide a hollow space between the under side of the floor slab and the finished ceiling.

This space is absolutely necessary, as thus you obtain flat ceilings and eliminate the inaccessible corners of girders which form veritable magnets for the attraction of dust and germs. Every house wife knows from experience how much easier it is to keep a flat ceiling clean than one which is honeycombed with girders. The hollow space above mentioned is also required to deaden the sound caused by walking, etc., which sound the concrete construction of the floors will readily convey unless some deterrent is provided.

The proper and efficient ventilation of the class room is another important reason why flat ceilings, free from the obstructions presented by girders and beams, should be used. The air should be uniformly distributed throughout the room. With girders and beams hanging down from the ceiling this cannot be successfully accomplished. Therefore the hollow tile system of concrete construction, as employed in this plan, is not alone better, but is just as cheap, if not cheaper than the beam and slab system as employed in the High School. The difference in height is nine inches for each story, or 27 inches in all, making a difference of four risers in the run of all the stairs throughout the whole height of the building. But, as I have made the story heights 12' 0", I have saved 36", so that the stairs, according to plans, have two steps less for the three stories than the stairs of your High School, and this with an additional saving of 9" of brick work and plastering all around the whole building.

Reference is made to a certain report made by your President calling attention to same "extremely" heavy girders supporting the roof of the assembly hall. As this report was made by a layman I concluded that it would be unnecessary to deny the statement therein contained unless I was called upon to do so, but when an architect, who ought to know better, makes the same charge, it is time to refute it, if for no other reason than for the satisfaction of the public in general.

The girders in question are freely supported, of a total span of 55' 6"; they are T section 22"x63, with a T 51" wide. Each girder is supported at each end by a concrete column three stories in height and 2'x24" in sectional area. A saving might be effected in the size of these columns, but as they form pilasters in the assembly hall, used for architectural effect, and as said pilasters must be at least 24" in width, owing to their enormous height, nothing

would be gained by reducing the diameter of the concrete column, as in that case fireproof furring would have to be employed, with the result that the pilasters, together with the smaller columns completed, would cost more than the column shown on the plans, for the simple reason that the fireproof furring would cost more than the extra concrete left in the column.

Now as to the girders: the general scheme of construction adopted by your Honorable Board was that shown as reinforced concrete structure. If I were to proceed blindly, I would follow my instruction implicitly. I would make these girders of reinforced concrete, and, resting on my instructions, put the final responsibility up to your Honorable Board. If I were were to follow the dictates of my own personal interest and comfort I would make those girders of steel, for in that case I would receive the girders on the job, complete in every respect, ready to be set in position. I would inspect those girders in thirty minutes, pass upon them and have them set in position feeling doubly sure of my work, having every part of the girder accessible for inspection, together with the knowledge that my calculations had been checked up and the work inspected by the shop engineer; while on the other hand if I used concrete girders I would have days of work, worry and constant supervision to assure myself that the reinforcement was properly placed and the concrete properly mixed and poured, not to mention the mental worry until the forms were removed for fear that some of the bars had been cracked by incompetent working men while in process of bending. All these considerations the architect will take in consideration in designing his plan. He will study the question pro and con; he will conclude that a steel girder alone, without any fireproof covering excepting the usual metal furring, is cheaper than a concrete girder; but the steel girder being freely supported must be rigidly secured to the supports; this cannot be done if concrete supports are used, so steel columns must be substituted for the concrete columns, and, in addition, fireproof covering must be provided for the columns and the additional fireproofing materials to be used around the columns, the said columns and steel girders will cost more than the concrete columns and girders. Will your consulting architect say that it is good practice to use a steel girder of the span in question with concrete columns? And if he does, then why did he use steel columns under the steel girders of the High School? Will he say that a steel girder with wooden furring is better or equally as good in fire proofing quality than

a reinforced concrete girder?

I have not substantiated the several points I have made on this subject with figures, as I was told by your President to eliminate figures as much as possible for fear that the discussion would become too technical, thus confusing the lay mind. I am ready, however, at any time to submit figures and drawings showing the comparative costs of any part of the work shown on plans.

In looking over the construction of the High School I was astonished to find two reinforced concrete girders of a span of 55' 05". These girders are T section 22"x64" with a 50" T, and consequently are heavier than the girders shown on the plans of No. 1. The question will naturally arise, why did this architect use concrete girders when he could have used steel girders at a "considerable saving?" And having committed that error, if error it is, as he now pretends, why does he condemn his fellow practitioner? The answer to this is evident.

The question of the foundation is one which was thoroughly explained by me to your Board at the time the plans were drawn, now over a year ago. At that time your Board, foreseeing the immediate need of a school in the section of the city where the proposed school is to be erected, instructed me to proceed at once with the completion of the plans and specifications, so that the school might be erected in the shortest possible time. I thereupon made demands on your Board for a test of the soil, and, accordingly, Messrs. Beyer & McCann, Civil Engineers and Surveyors, of this city, were instructed to make the said test. Shortly after their appointment, Messrs. Beyer & McCann informed me that owing to the fact that the titles to the "Podesta" and "Dewey" properties were not vested in your Board, they could not complete the test. I accordingly instructed them to proceed, as far as possible, and to report the results to me. Upon receiving the incomplete test, in view that the test was incomplete, that your Board wanted to proceed with the construction of the school building, and in view of the fact that the test of the old school property showed a number of very bad spots, and upon receiving information that a number of buildings in that locality have pile foundations, I concluded to assume the worse case and designed my foundations accordingly, but in order to protect the Board against any possible loss, I introduced in the mason's specification the following clauses:

The contractor will employ an engineer, to be selected by the architect, who will make a test of the soil before any of the footings are laid. Said

test to be made under the direction of the architect, and the contractor is to bear all expenses involved.

If after the test it shall be found that piling will be required, the Board of Education shall have the said piling done at the expense of the Board.

If it shall be found that a spread foundation will be sufficient, then, and in that event, the contractor shall be paid for any extra work he may do, but said amount shall be fixed prior to the commencement of said work, in default of which the contractor shall bear all expense involved.

A clause was also introduced in the articles of agreement, which guaranteed to the Board a deduction from the amount of the contract price for work which might be omitted, or that, after the test was made, the several footing would be apportioned and detailed by the architect when it was found that part of the work contracted for had been omitted or more work added, then, and in that event, either a reduction from the contract price would be made or an extra would be allowed to the contractor, thus protecting both contracting parties.

This method was the only one that could be followed under the circumstances, and instead of being condemned, I feel that I should be commended.

Your consulting architect states that, "if the ground on which this school is to be built is as good as the ground in the neighborhood, and your Committee informs me so, then, a considerable sum of money can be saved by redesigning the foundations." If the ground is good, a saving would be made, as proper precautions have been taken to guarantee that saving to your Board. Nor were those precautions taken because the ground might be "as good as the ground in the neighborhood," because, after all, the building will not be built on "the ground in the neighborhood," but upon the school site owned by the Board. Professional men should not take the unsupported word of a Committee of laymen upon a question involving the stability of a structure, unless that word is supported by proper tests, which tests do not exist, otherwise, why were they not submitted to me? The test made on the old school property showed "rather peculiar ground," to use the words of Mr. Rowland. Such being the case, I, as an architect, would hesitate before I would pass judgment on any "peculiar" ground, even in the neighborhood.

We now come to the question of furring. Your consulting architect has reported as following: "This furring averages 12" or

more away from the exterior walls and throughout certain portions of the interior posts, while customary furring for buildings of this character does not exceed two inches." First of all, I want to state that the plans or specifications do not provide for any furring of any kind for the interior posts, the only furring provided for is against the exterior walls between the wall columns and the windows, and the furring for the walls is 2", and not 12", as some people believe. This is proven by the following clauses from the specifications:

All exterior brick walls of first, second, third and fourth stories to be furred with 2¼ rib studs or equal, 16" on centres and set in position in same manner as specified for partitions.

As the frame of the building will be of skeleton construction, with floors supported by girders all around the exterior walls, and as the window heads will be brought up to within 6" from the finished ceiling, it is found necessary in some cases to make the height of the said girders higher than the distance from the top of the windows to the top of the floor above, so that the top of the girder will project some inches above the top of the finished floor forming a ledge, or what would seem like a step against the exterior wall and extending into the room in some cases 10" while in other cases 12". The 2" furring in question ordinarily is placed tightly against the wall, but in the case above mentioned, in order to cover this ledge or step, the 2" furring is brought forward and placed flush with this ledge or step so that when the wall is plastered the wall will appear straight and perpendicular. No additional material is used in the operation. It requires no more labor to place the furring 2" or 10" or 12" or even 50" from the wall. The one furring is no more costly than the other, for it is the self-same material. Nor will one inch more of furring be required one way or the other, and consequently there can be no saving in cost.

By placing the furring 10" or 12" from the exterior walls, a pocket is formed between the furring and wall. Your consulting architect claims this is "a waste of space." It may be a waste of space, but it is a pity that every school architect does not indulge in the same waste and thus save thousands of dollars actually in coal bills for the school authorities of this country. A consulting architect should at least know the first elements of heating engineering.

If you will examine the plans you will note that the windows are set in clusters, that is to say, several windows are placed

close together with mullions, dividing the sashes; many of these windows are 9' 6" x 16' 6". If the window frames are of wood we will not alone have great difficulty to secure them in position, but after the building is completed and occupied, continual complaints of draughts will be made by the teachers and pupils, with the natural conclusion that the contractor will be blamed, when as a matter of fact the architect is really responsible. It is next to impossible to construct window frames of the dimensions above given which will give satisfaction under the changeable climatic conditions found in this country. The wood-work must and will warp, turn and twist, until all sorts of avenues for draughts will appear, and notwithstanding all the weather beads you might use; this defect cannot be remedied, and consequently the coal dealer will reap the benefit. This defect could be avoided by using stone or masonry mullions with single wooden frame, but then the stories must be made 13' 0" in height and the cost of the wooden frames, stone or masonry mullions and four feet of additional brick and plaster would nearly offset the total cost of the metal sashes. Thus you will understand that the steel sashes were not used for their fireproof qualities. That was not the question which presented itself to the designer. He had to decide whether he should incur a greater additional expense or adopt a construction which would prove a constant menace to the health of the children and a source of expense year after year, and I am satisfied I took the right course.

In compliance with the request of your committee, part of the roof construction ordinarily designed lighter than the floors, was designed of the same strength in order that proper provision might be made in the event of your Board using the roof for summer classes or for a social centre. This is another instance which illustrates that your consulting architect could have obtained information which he did not seek.

Regarding the minor features of the construction, I will content myself with answering an objection which may be made against them when they are made.

As to the saving of \$35,000, I would respectfully ask How is it that after spending two months in criticising these plans, all that your consulting architect is able to say is that "this saving may be estimated at \$35,000" as a report coming from a consulting architect, should this amount not be itemized? Should he not be asked how much would have been saved on the foundation work; Should he not tell us how much he can save on the brick work and every other item in the building so that the people

can be satisfied that an error has been committed? How much of the \$35,000 can he save on the contract for the reinforced concrete work, estimated to cost \$55,000? Can he save any part of it by substituting a system for which, to say the least, he must use more steel?

Until such time as an itemized schedule is at hand, I can make no further answer to this ridiculous assertion.

The drawings and specifications for the heating and ventilating are complete and illustrate the whole system with the exception that they do not indicate the exact position of the boilers, fans and other accessories which were to be located in the boiler house: this I could not do, as I have no instructions so to do from your Board. The specifications however, fully describes all the work and location of the several fixtures, and any heating and ventilating engineer can readily estimate and check up the work, which criticism I fully court.

Owing to the short time to submit my answer, I have found it necessary to eliminate any reference to that part of the report which relates to possible changes of plans and cost of same. Possibility of increasing size of building, necessity of purchasing additional land, method of procedure under your present contracts, costs of an entire new building and recommendations made to you by your consulting architect. If you care to have these several points discussed, I will willingly do so, provided a reasonable time is allowed.

I need not summarize the several points made, as I have tried to give full and explicit reasons and explanations on every count made by your consulting architect. In many instances the language of the report is so couched that I could not frame an answer which would decide the points at issue beyond a reasonable doubt unless I received a further explanation of his report from your consulting architect, and with that end in view I addressed the following letter to your consulting architect, but to the date hereof I have not received an answer:

Nov. 13, 1912.

Mr. John T. Rowland, Jersey City, N. J.:

Sir—I am in receipt of a copy of a certain report which I am informed was made by you to the Hoboken Board of Education on the 11th instant.

I am instructed by Mr. Kerr, the Secretary of said Board, to submit an answer to your said report at the next stated session of the Board. As throughout your report you have confined yourself to absolute statements, without giving facts or figures to indicate how you have reached your several conclu-

sions, I cannot intelligently reply without additional information from you. Therefore I would request from you at your earliest convenience the following information, so that I can make answer to the Board by the 18th instant:

1st. What was the size of the old building, known as Public School No. 1?

2d. How many class rooms did it contain, and, figuring according to law, how many pupils would it accommodate?

3d. How did you reach your conclusion that the last row of seats in the six class rooms you object to will not receive adequate light? If you have any data bearing on this question, kindly forward same to me.

4th. What would be the result if the top sashes of windows in said class rooms would be glazed with prism glass or even shop-ribbed glass?

5th. Could you place four stair halls in the building as planned, and if you can, how will you do it?

6th. If you were to place fire escapes on this school as planned, where would you place them?

7th. Did you ever use fire escapes the approach to which was through a cloak room?

8th. Is the building as designed a fire-proof building, or is it not?

9th. Considering the fact that the heating apparatus is not within the building, how would the fire attack this building, and what is the likelihood of such an occurrence?

10th. Quote an authority who will substantiate your statement that it is unusual for a building with twenty-eight class rooms to be provided with two stair halls as designed in the building in question.

11th. What occasion is there in a school building designed as No. 1 has been for children to go from one side of the building to the other?

12th. When are the exercises held in a school building?

13th. Are you a heating and ventilating engineer, and if you are, what data did you prepare to prove that it is "practically impossible to control the heating and ventilating of an assembly room if it is one with the corridors?" If you have any data bearing on this question, kindly forward same to me.

14th. What schools can you mention in any large cities of the United States where the "German Rule" has been used, and can you mention any in the congested parts of the City of New York?

15th. Could you have solved the problem presented to the designer of Public School No. 1 any better, and if so, how?

16th. What does the expensive underground work consist of, and how much additional cost does it add to the building?

17th. Are you a reinforced concrete engineer, and if you are, what formulas do you use in designing?

18th. What system of construction did you have in mind when you decided that "the drawings indicate a more costly type of construction than is necessary, and can be redesigned in such a way that nothing will be lost in the strength and considerable amount can be saved in the cost?" How much does the concrete work cost on No. 1, and how much would it cost under the system you would employ?

19th. If you placed steel trusses over the assembly hall, how large would they be? What weight of metal would you use, and what would they cost?

20th. How would you support the steel girders? Would you use steel or cast iron columns, and if so, how much would they cost and how would you construct them?

21st. How much do the present concrete girders cost?

22d. How would you design a foundation without testing the soil, and how could you test the soil when the title to a third of the property was not vested in the Board at the time the plans were drawn? Under the circumstances, do you not agree with me that the best method was adopted?

23d. Under the system of reinforced concrete which you have in mind, would you increase the thickness of your outer wall, and if so, how much? What would be the additional cost? If not, why not?

24th. What led you to accept the information relating to the quality of the ground of the proposed site from a Committee of laymen when you knew that upon that information you would have to base your expert opinion, and who were the members of said Committee?

25th. What would lead an architect to use steel sashes aside from the fire protection they might afford? Did you inquire from the architect why they were used?

26th. How much will the steel sashes cost in this building and how much would wooden frames and sashes cost?

27th. If you place the furring against the walls, what kind of furring would you use? If you used steel furring, how much would it cost, and how much will the furring cost as indicated in the plans?

28th. Itemize the saving of \$35,000 you mention in your report, and show how you accomplished it?

29th. What size building do you propose erecting? Give dimensions, general scheme of construction and cost.

30th. State what system of reinforced concrete you would use and give the thickness

of the outer walls.

31st. How much ground would you use?

You will find it easy to answer these questions, as you have no doubt the data which led you to form your conclusions at hand, and as the Board desires a reply from me on next Monday, you will readily understand that a prompt reply from you will be necessary in order that I may dictate my answer in time.

Respectfully,

(Signed) EUGENE CICCARELLI.

Feeling that I have rendered good and efficient service to your Board, that I have solved a difficult problem as good, if not better, than any other architect could have solved it, knowing that the whole subject of this report will unfold itself in the near future, I rest my case, not alone before you, Honorable Board, but before the bar of public opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) EUGENE CICCARELLI.

On motion the communication of Architect Ciccarelli was received and ordered spread in full on the minutes by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by Mr. Alberts, Chairman of the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, In the judgment of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, the school accommodations now provided in said City are inadequate for school purposes, and in order to provide adequate and necessary school accommodations and a suitable and sufficient tract of land for the erection thereon of a new school building to take the place of the building heretofore known as School No. 1 (which said building was demolished), certain lots or parcels contiguous to the land upon which said school building No. 1 stood, should be acquired by purchase or condemnation; and,

Whereas, The lands hereinafter described, in the judgment of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, are most suitable and desirable therefor, to wit:

All that certain lot of land and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, described as follows: Beginning at a point distant 82 feet westerly from the westerly side of Bloomfield street, and 50 feet northerly from the northerly side of Third street; running thence, first, westerly, parallel with Third street, 13 feet, to a point; thence, sec-

ond, northerly parallel with Bloomfield street, 22 feet to a point; thence, third, easterly, parallel with Third street, 13 feet to a point; thence, fourth, southerly parallel with Bloomfield street, 22 feet to the point of beginning. Being the westerly portion of property known as No. 304 Bloomfield street, in the City of Hoboken, and a part of the property conveyed by the executors of the last will and testament of William I. Havens, deceased, to Henry Bremer and wife, July 16, 1907.

All that certain lot of land and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, described as follows: Beginning at a point distant 82 feet westerly from the westerly side of Bloomfield street, and 72 feet northerly from the northerly side of Third street; running thence, first, westerly, parallel with Third street, 13 feet to a point; thence, second, northerly, parallel with Bloomfield street, 21 feet 10 1-3 inches to a point; thence, third,

easterly parallel with Third street 13 feet to a point; thence fourth southerly parallel with Bloomfield street, 21 feet 10 1/2 inches to the point of beginning; being the westerly portion of property known as No. 306 Bloomfield street, in the City of Hoboken, and part of the property conveyed by John W. Gluchowski and wife to Eugenie P. Gluchowski July 3rd, 1902.

All that certain lot and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, described as follows: Beginning at a point distant 82 feet west of the westerly side of Bloomfield street and 93 feet 10 1/2 inches northerly from the northerly side of Third street, running thence, first, westerly parallel with Third street 13 feet to a point; thence, second, northerly parallel with Bloomfield street 21 feet 10 1/2 inches to a point; thence, third, easterly parallel with Third street 13 feet to a point; thence, fourth, southerly parallel with Bloomfield street 21 feet 10 1/2 inches to the point of beginning. Being the westerly portion of property known as No. 308 Bloomfield street, in the City of Hoboken, and part of the property conveyed by Marie Schrader and husband to Jacob Woldering and wife, May 7th, 1912.

All that certain lot of land and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, described as follows: Beginning at point distant 82 feet west of the westerly side of Bloomfield street and 287 feet south of the southerly side of Fourth street, running thence, first, westerly parallel with Fourth street 13 feet to a point; thence, second,

southerly parallel with Bloomfield street 22 feet to a point; thence, third, easterly parallel with Fourth street, 13 feet to a point; thence, fourth, northerly parallel with Bloomfield street 22 feet to the point of beginning. Being the westerly portion of property known as No. 310 Bloomfield street, in the City of Hoboken, and part of the property conveyed by Charles E. Petersen and wife to John A. Brown and wife, March 25th, 1901.

All that certain lot of land and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, described as follows: Beginning at a point distant 82 feet west of the westerly side of Bloomfield street and 266 feet south of the southerly side of Fourth street, running thence, first, westerly parallel with Fourth street 13 feet to a point; thence, second, southerly parallel with Bloomfield street 22 feet to a point; thence, third, easterly parallel with Fourth street 13 feet to a point; thence, fourth, northerly parallel with Bloomfield street 22 feet to the point of beginning. Being the westerly portion of property known as 312 Bloomfield street, in the City of Hoboken, and part of the property conveyed by John J. Toffey, Sheriff, to Mary Elizabeth and Garetta A. Snedicker, December 4th, 1879.

All that certain lot of land and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, described as follows: Beginning at a point distant 82 feet west of the westerly side of Bloomfield street and 244 feet south of the southerly side of Fourth street, running thence, first, westerly parallel with Fourth street 13 feet to a point; thence, second, southerly parallel with Bloomfield street, 22 feet to a point; thence, third, easterly parallel with Fourth street 13 feet to a point; thence, fourth, northerly parallel with Bloomfield street 22 feet to the point of beginning. Being the westerly portion of property known as No. 314 Bloomfield street, in the City of Hoboken, and part of the property conveyed by Max Klimkeit to Lily Zimmer, August 30th, 1909.

All that certain lot of land and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of Garden and Third streets, and running thence northerly along the easterly line of Garden street forty-five (45) feet and eleven and one-half (11½) inches; thence easterly and parallel with Third street, ninety-five (95) feet; thence northerly parallel with Garden street four (4) feet and one-half (½) of an inch; thence

easterly parallel with Third street five (5) feet; thence southerly parallel with Garden street fifty (50) feet to the northerly line of Third street; and thence westerly along said northerly line of Third street one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning.

All that certain lot of land and premises situate in the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, and which on a map of Hoboken made by Charles Loss, duly filed in the Clerk's office of the County of Bergen in said State, is situated and described as follows, to wit: Being part of two lots which on said map are known by the numbers seven hundred (700) and seven hundred and one (701).

Commencing at a point in the southerly side of said lot numbered seven hundred (700) and the northerly side or line of Third street as laid down on said map, distant sixty-nine (69) feet westerly from the north-westerly corner of Bloomfield and Third streets; and running thence westerly and along the northerly side or line of Third street thirty-one (31) feet; thence northerly and parallel with Bloomfield street fifty (50) feet to the northerly side or line of Third street to the point or place of beginning.

Resolved, That said Board of Education of the City of Hoboken in the County of Hudson does hereby determine that it is advisable and necessary to acquire the aforesaid lands, for school purposes, by purchase or condemnation, according to the statute in such case made and provided; and be it further

Resolved, That Messrs. Richard Mooney, James P. Lavery and Richard A. Marnell, members of the aforesaid Board of Education, be and they are hereby designated and appointed a committee of said board, with authority, to enter into negotiations with the owners of the aforesaid lands, for the purchase thereof, for and in behalf of said Board and that said committee report the result of such negotiations to said Board of Education at an adjourned meeting thereof, to be held on the twenty-sixth day of November, 1912, at eight o'clock p. m.

Mr. Alberts moved the adoption of the resolution, which motion was seconded by Mr. Lavery, when Mr. Barso moved to lay it on the table, which motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelken. The motion to lie on the table was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Mr. Sheridan moved to amend by striking out tracts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, which motion was seconded by Mr. Wendelken, and the motion to amend was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

The original motion, offered by Mr. Alberts, was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That Miss Grace Mooney be and she is hereby appointed to the position of attendant at the switchboard in the office of the Secretary, made vacant by the resignation of Miss M. Becker, at a salary of seven hundred and sixty dollars per annum, payable monthly; said appointment to take effect immediately.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Excused—Mr. Mooney.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Whereas, At the session of the Board held on September 30, 1912, Business Manager Clayton presented a certificate drawn in favor of John Pustkuchen, in the sum of \$560, in payment of his contract for the laying of a concrete sidewalk around School No. 5, and

Whereas, At the same meeting the said certificate was approved by the Committee on Finance and ordered paid, with the provision that the said John Pustkuchen submit a maintenance bond, and

Whereas, The contract for said specified work did not specify or require such a bond, therefore be it

Resolved, That the action of the Board as taken at the session of the 30th of September, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in favor of John Pustkuchen in the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars in payment of said certificate.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That the Janitor of the Industrial School be granted a compensation of One hundred dollars for services in the care of rooms in the building of the Industrial School, used for public school purposes; and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty,

Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Marnell.

Whereas, In conformity with many new and practical features outlined by the Committee on School Government, Mr. Barso and the Committee on "Social Centre" movement of 1911, in reference thereto, it has been suggested that the said movement be continued; therefore, be it

Resolved, That President Lankering, Messrs. Mooney, Barso and Superintendent Demarest, together with the Committee of citizens of the movement of 1911, be given charge and control of the proposed movement, and that the first Friday evening in December, 1912, and each succeeding Friday evening, until further notice, be devoted to this purpose, under the supervision and direction of said Committee.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney.

Whereas, Mr. Herman Pfennigwerth, having been reported as efficient as a teacher of Carpentry in the Manual Training Department, by the several principals and the superintendent having recommended his permanent appointment, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Mr. Herman Pfennigwerth be and he is hereby appointed as teacher in Carpentry, this appointment to be permanent.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in favor of A. W. Clayton, Jr., in the sum of one hundred dollars for services rendered during the vacation of the Business Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of November, 1912, be and the same is hereby ordered paid, subject to deduction by the Committee on School Government, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the

Custodian of School Moneys in favor of P. Leipziger, in the sum of \$85, being the first payment on the lecture course for 1912-1913.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Alberts, Chairman of the Committee on Finance:

Whereas, By virtue of Article VI, Section 55, of the State School law, entitled "An act to establish a thorough and efficient system of free public schools, and to provide for the maintenance, support and management thereof," approved October 19, 1903, power is given to Boards of Education, after the first day of July and before the first day of January, to borrow a sum not exceeding one-half of the amount appropriated for current expenses and the repair of school houses under their control, and to execute and deliver promissory notes therefor, together with interest thereon at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum; and

Whereas, The moneys appropriated by the City of Hoboken for current expenses of the District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, the amount of which is \$170,790.58, are not available; and

Whereas, One-half of the amount now due the School District of Hoboken from the city amounts to \$85,395.29, on which the Board can borrow; and

Whereas, It is necessary to provide for the payment of current expenses and the repair of school houses under control, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education borrow the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars and execute and deliver a promissory note therefor, together with interest thereon at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum; and be it further

Resolved, That the said note be paid as soon as the said appropriation is due and available for said purpose, and that the President and Secretary of the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, be and they are hereby authorized to sign said note.

On motion of Mr. Alberts, seconded by Mr. Laverty, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

A recess was then taken and upon reassembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by Mr. Barso: Whereas, The Board of Education having failed to submit rules governing the grant-

ing of city certificates to teach to the State Board of Education for their approval; any applicants or teachers not now holding regular State certificates are therefore not qualified to teach in accordance with an opinion rendered by Assistant Commissioner of Education Betts, and therefore must be considered ineligible by this Board; and

Whereas, The Board of Education has on May 13th, 1912, appointed one Joseph A. Corcoran as teacher in the Science Department contrary to the State regulations, as he was not the holder of a State certificate; therefore be it

Resolved, That as such appointment was clearly illegal, the services of the said Joseph A. Corcoran be and are hereby dispensed with.

On motion the resolution was placed in the hands of the President and Superintendent, they to communicate with the Assistant Commissioner of Education in reference thereto, seeking his decision in the matter.

Mr. Barso introduced a resolution in reference to permission being given to various school societies to use the gymnasium in the High School, charging admission thereto, for the purpose of basketball games, dances, etc., also a resolution in reference to merit of having moving pictures introduced as a part of the system of education in the public schools, and giving permission to Mr. Wm. E. Boyce to present, without cost, one-half hour's entertainment of this nature at the inauguration of the "Social Centre" movement on Friday evening, December 6, 1912.

The resolutions were referred to the Committee on School Government.

The following claims were reported correct by the various Committees:

John J. Fallon, court fees.....	\$24 54
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs, No. 8 and High School	127 50
Hudson Observer, printing blanks...	303 00
Hudson Observer, minutes, October 21-28, November 11.....	176 20
Oscar Schlichting, supplies to Secretary	13 10
Public Service Corporation, gas and supplies	36 36
E. J. Kerr, supplies, contract.....	68 75
C. E. Merrill Co., books to No. 8...	7 56
M. Pistor, ink to schools.....	41 40
Singer Sewing Machine Co., repairs.	4 50
N. Y. Telephone Co., contract, November	65 52
C. H. Stoelting Co., supplies, Medical Inspectors	5 31
Lawson & MacMurray, lumber to No. 9 and High School.....	163 12
Underwood T. W. Co., exchanges, High School	31 80

Elizabeth Meyer, supplies, High School	31 68
Anthony Capelli, rent, Nov. and Dec.	50 00
Funk, Wagnalls Co., books to Nos. 1, 8 and High School.....	24 40
L. E. Knott App. Co., supplies, High School	10 36
Milton Bradley Co., Kindergarten and drawing	162 66
P. Lorenz, supplies, Medical Clinic..	229 32
W. S. Ellis, supplies, Secretary.....	4 50
The Furst Co., janitors' supplies....	1 94
Wm. D. Bindewald, supplies, contract	38 74
Spohn & Wittenberg, supplies, Medical Clinic	94 00
Thos. F. Devlin, painting, Medical Clinic	209 33
Jas. J. Keeny, cartage.....	51 07
Jas. Whalen, repairs, No. 7, Medical Clinic	74 66

Alex. McCabe, repairs, No. 8, Medical Clinic 88 60

On motion of Mr. Sheridan the claims for court fees was laid aside, and the remainder of the claims were ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

On motion the claim for court fees was taken up and ordered paid by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and Taylor.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Excused—President Lankering.

On motion of Mr. Marnell it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening, November 26, 1912.

The Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

ADJOURNED STATED SESSION.

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, N. J., held on Tuesday evening, November 26, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

An order from the Supreme Court of New Jersey, directing that all papers, etc., in connection with the contracts for School No. 1, required in the matter of the writ of certiorari, returnable at Trenton on December 6, 1912, was presented and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

The following communication from Corporation Attorney Fallon was presented and read:

Hoboken, N. J., Nov. 26, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken:

Gentlemen—The Board of Education of 1911 caused to be raised by the municipal authorities of the City of Hoboken the sum of \$60,000, to be used for the purchase or condemnation of lands to form a part of a plot whereon to erect a school building to take the place of School No. 1 (which was demolished). The lands contemplated to be acquired by said Board are situate at the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets, owned by John Podesta. Your Board having, upon thorough investigation, ascertained and determined that said lands, together with the site of School No. 1, would be and are insufficient for the erection thereon of a suitable school building, and having deemed it advisable and necessary to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, additional lands other than the aforesaid lands, for school purposes, I would advise you to pass a resolution deciding that it is necessary to raise moneys in addition to the moneys now in hand, for the purchase or condemnation of lands to form a part of a plot whereon to erect a school building to take the place of the building theretofore known as School No. 1, and estimating the amount of money necessary for such purchase or condemnation, and cause a statement thereof to be prepared and delivered to each member of the Board of School Estimate of the Hoboken School District, and request said Board of School Estimate to fix and determine such sum as you may determine upon as necessary for such purpose, and to have such action as may be necessary for such purpose.

From my conference with you with reference to the lands to be acquired, and the school building which you have now in contemplation, it seems to me that you will be able to get along with an additional appropriation of \$7,500, for such purpose, which, added to the moneys now in the hands of the Custodian of School Moneys for the purpose in question, will amount to \$67,500. The entire cost of the acquisition of the lands, therefore, will be less than the sum estimated by the 1911 Board of Education, notwithstanding that you will acquire, either by purchase or condemnation, considerable lands other than the lands proposed to be acquired by said Board.

It may be possible that you may be able to acquire either by purchase or condemnation all of the lands necessary for school purposes, without the expenditure of the entire sum of \$67,500, but it would be most advisable for you to have such amount in hand for the purpose.

(Signed)

JNO. J. FALLON,
Corporation Attorney.

The communication was received and ordered on file.

The following communication was presented and read:

Hoboken Land and Improvement Company.

Hoboken, N. J., Nov. 26, 1912.

Mr. Geo. Lankering, Pres., Board of Education, Hoboken, N. J.:

Dear Sir—In reply to your inquiry as to the price for which this company would convey by quit claim deed certain land of about four hundred (400) square feet area, located about the centre of the block between Bloomfield and Garden streets, Third and Fourth streets, as shown on sketch which you left with me, I beg to say that this company is willing to convey the same by quit claim deed at the same price which we have charged to others in the past, viz.: fifty cents per square foot, or two hundred (\$200) dollars.

(Signed)

Very truly yours,
PALMER CAMPBELL,
General Manager.

On motion the communication was received and the offer of the company accepted and placed in the hands of the Corporation Attorney to draw up contract for purchase, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Sheridan and Wendelken.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on School No. 1:

Hoboken, N. J., Nov. 26, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken:

Gentlemen—The undersigned, designated and appointed by your Honorable Body, by resolution adopted November 18, 1912, as a Committee of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken with authority to enter into negotiations with the owners of the premises hereinafter described, for the purchase thereof for and in behalf of said Board, do hereby submit a report of the result of our negotiations with the owners of the aforesaid lands.

As to the westerly portion of the premises known as No. 304 Bloomfield street, being 13 feet in depth and 22 feet in width, your Committee attempted to negotiate with Henry Bremer and Catharine Bremer, his wife, the owners thereof, for the purchase thereof by your Board for the purpose required, but were unable to agree as to the value of the land and the purchase price.

As to the westerly portion of the premises known as 306 Bloomfield street, being 13 feet in depth and 21 feet 10½ inches in width, your Committee negotiated with Eugenie P. Gluckowski, wife of Salezy F. Gluckowski, the owner thereof, and her husband, for the purchase of the lands, and the said Eugenie Gluckowski and her said husband entered into an agreement for the sale of said lands to the Board of Education for the sum of thirteen hundred dollars.

As to the westerly portion of the premises known as 308 Bloomfield street, being 13 feet in depth and 21 feet 10½ inches in width, your Committee attempted to negotiate with Jacob Woldering and Martha Woldering, his wife, the owners thereof, for the purchase of the same by your Board for the purpose required, but were unable to agree as to the value of the land and the purchase price.

As to the westerly portion of the premises known as 310 Bloomfield street, being 13 feet in depth and 22 feet in width, your Committee attempted to negotiate with Gertine P. Brown, the owner thereof, for the purchase by your Board for the purpose required, but were unable to agree as to the value of the land and the purchase price.

As to the westerly portion of the premises known as 312 Bloomfield street, being 13 feet in depth and 22 feet in width, your Committee attempted to negotiate with Lidy Klimkeit, the owner thereof, for the purchase of the same by your Board for the purpose required, but were unable to agree as to the value of the land and the purchase price.

As to the premises owned by John Podesta, situate on the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets, and more particularly described in the resolution of November 18, 1912, above referred to, your Committee attempted to negotiate with the owner thereof for the purchase of the same by your Board for the purpose required, but were unable to agree as to

the value of the land and the purchase price.

As to the premises owned by Richard Dewey, known as 156 Third street, and more particularly described in the resolution of November 18, 1912, above referred to, your Committee attempted to negotiate with the owner thereof for the purchase of the same by your Board for the purpose required, but were unable to agree as to the value of the land and the purchase price.

Your Committee therefore recommend the purchase of the Gluckowski premises hereinabove mentioned for the sum of thirteen hundred dollars, and further recommend that the other lands and premises mentioned in the foregoing report be acquired for school purposes by condemnation, nad that John J. Fallon, Corporation Attorney, be authorized and directed to take the necessary action and proceedings in condemnation, in the name of this Board, for the acquisition thereof.

Respectfully,
(Signed) RICHARD MOONEY,
JAMES P. LAVERTY,
RICHARD A. MARNELL.

Mr. Marnell moved, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Mooney, that the report of the Committee be received and referred to the Corporation Attorney to take the action indicated in the recommendations of the Committee, when Mr. Sheridan moved to amend by striking out all properties except the Dewey property.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendenken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

The original question, being called for, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendenken.

The following was presented by Mr. Laverty:

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, at a meeting held February 27, 1911, adopted a resolution estimating the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) as necessary to be raised for the purchase of lands to form a part of a plot whereon to erect a school building to take the place of school building No. 1 (which was demolished), and requesting the Board of School Estimate of the School District of the City of Hoboken to fix and determine said sum as necessary for such purpose, and did prepare and deliver to each member of said Board of School Estimate a statement of the amount of money estimated to be necessary for the purpose aforesaid; and

Whereas, The said Board of School Estimate, at a meeting held March 31, 1911, fixed and determined the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) as being necessary for the purchase or condemnation of lands to form a part of a plot whereon to erect a school building to take the place of school building No. 1 (which was demolished), and did make two certificates of such amount, one of which certificates was delivered to said Board of Education and the other to the Mayor and Council of the City of Hoboken, the body having power to make appropriations of money raised by tax in said city, which said sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) was thereafter raised according to law, and is now in the possession of the Custodian of the school moneys of the City of Hoboken; and

Whereas, The moneys aforesaid were intended by said Board of Education to be used for the purchase or condemnation of property situate at the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets, owned by John Podesta, and other lands; and

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson (as now composed), having diligently inquired into the expediency of acquiring the lands contemplated by the aforesaid resolution, and as a result thereof, have determined that said lands, together with the site of School No. 1, would be and are insufficient for the erection thereon of a suitable school building; and

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, deem it advisable and necessary to acquire by purchase or condemnation additional lands other than the lands heretofore contemplated to be acquired for school purposes, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, does hereby decide that it is necessary

to raise money (in addition to the moneys now in hand as aforesaid) for the purchase or condemnation of lands to form a part of a plot whereon to erect a school building to take the place of the building heretofore known as School No. 1 (which was demolished), and does hereby estimate the amount of money necessary for such purchase or condemnation to be the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500); and be it further

Resolved, That a statement of the aforesaid amount of money estimated to be necessary for such purpose be prepared and delivered to each member of the Board of School Estimate of the Hoboken School District, and said Board of School Estimate be requested to fix and determine the said sum of seven thousand and five hundred dollars (\$7,500) as necessary for such purpose, and to take such action as may be necessary to raise such moneys, in accordance with the statute made and provided.

On motion of Mr. Laverty, seconded by Mr. Marnell, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

Miss C. V. Havens made request that she be given an extended leave of absence until February 1, 1913, and on motion her request was granted, without pay, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

On motion it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening, December 3, 1912, at 8 o'clock.

The Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

ADJOURNED STATED SESSION

Adjourned stated session of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, N. J., held on Tuesday evening, December 3, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The contract for the purchase of the rear end of the plot of ground owned by Eugene Gluchowski, known as No. 306 Bloomfield street, was presented and on motion approved.

Superintendent Demarest reported that, in accordance with law, the State examinations for the highest grades in each elementary school, would be held during the week beginning January 20, 1913.

The report of the Superintendent was placed on file.

The following was presented from Calvin N. Kendall, Secretary of the State Board of Education:

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 29, 1912.

William A. Kerr, Esq., Secretary, Board of Education, Hoboken, N. J.:

My Dear Sir—Your letter of the 19th inst., with reference to the change of plans of School No. 1, was forwarded to the Advisory Committee of the State Board of Education.

The Committee requests me to state that there will be no meeting of the Board until Saturday, December 7, and that the Committee, before making any recommendation, desires answers to the following questions:

First—Has a contract been entered into for the erection of School No. 1, the plans of which are the subject of discussion, and, if so, has any question been raised as to the legality of the contract?

Second—Does your Board desire anything more than an expression of opinion as to whether the plans, if modified as suggested by Mr. Rowland, would conform with the rules governing the erection of school buildings?

Third—Is the opinion requested regardless of whether, if changes are made, litigation may result?

Yours very truly,

(Signed) CALVIN N. KENDALL,
Secretary.

The communication was received and the President and Secretary directed to make reply in accordance with facts.

County Superintendent Kinsley reported that the amount of railroad tax had been increased for the County of Hudson, and that the District of Hoboken would receive \$76,-892.10, instead of \$72,308.01, as stated in the apportionment dated June 15, 1912.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Secretary Kerr reported having received from Principal Brandt, of the High School, the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$112.50), as additional tuition fees for the September term, and submitted the receipt of the Custodian for the same.

The report of the Secretary was placed in the hands of the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. Nellie Lewis (nee Gilligan) made application for reappointment as a teacher. Mrs. Dora Kohler made application to have her name placed on the authorized list of montresses. The applications were referred to the Committee on School Government.

The following was presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the pupils of the various schools be permitted to bring donations of useful articles of food to be distributed among the several charitable institutions, under the direction of the Superintendent and the Committee on School Government.

Adopted, on the motion of Mr. Mooney.

The following was presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That the schools close for the Christmas vacation on Friday, December 20, 1912, and reopen on Thursday, January 2, 1913.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

On motion of Mr. Marnell, it was resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, December 9, 1912, at eight o'clock.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

ADJOURNED SESSION.

Adjourned session of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, N. J., held on Monday evening, December 9, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following communication from Calvin N. Kendall, Secretary of the State Board of Education, was presented:

State Board of Education,
Trenton, N. J., Dec. 9, 1912.

William A. Kerr, Esq., Sec'y Board of Education, Hoboken, N. J.:

My Dear Mr. Kerr—At the regular meeting of the State Board of Education, held on the 7th inst., the following motion was unanimously carried:

"It was regularly moved, and duly seconded, that the Hoboken Board of Education be informed that the State Board of Education is simply authorized by law to approve plans and specifications already drawn up. Further, that said Board be informed that when it is ready to make any changes in the plans and specifications, same will be considered and acted upon by the State Board of Education."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) CALVIN N. KENDALL,

Secretary.

The communication was, on motion, ordered in full on the minutes.

Secretary Kerr submitted his monthly report of the condition of the separate funds; also his semi-annual report of the receipts and disbursements in the general fund, which reports were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Secretary Kerr reported, having placed in the keeping of the Custodian the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), being additional tuition fees for non-resident pupils entered in the High School for the September term. The report of the Secretary was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Notice was received from Counselors Weiler & Lichtenstein that by final decree of the Court, Mrs. Clara L. Dottermusch was permitted to resume her maiden name, Clara L. Webb. The Secretary was directed to recognize the decree.

An invitation from the Playground Commission to attend the eighth municipal dance, to be held on the 13th inst., was received and on motion accepted.

The following certificate was presented

from the Board of School Estimate:

Board of School Estimate of the
School District of Hoboken, N. J.
To the Honorable the Board of Education of
the City of Hoboken, N. J.:

Gentlemen—This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of School Estimate of the District of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, held on November 29, 1912, upon the presentation of a statement from the Board of Education, setting forth the necessity of a further appropriation in order to acquire additional lands upon which to erect a school building to take the place of Public School No. 1 (now demolished), the Board of School Estimate, after careful consideration and due deliberation, did fix and determine that the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) is necessary for the purpose mentioned, and we respectfully request your Honorable Body (the Mayor and Council) to borrow said amount and secure the same by the issue of bonds, to be designated "School Bonds."

By order of the Board of School Estimate,
(Signed) MARTIN COOKE, President,

JOHN J. DELANEY,
PATRICK H. DUFFY,
ROBT H. ALBERTS
RICHARD A. MARNELL.

Attest: WM. A. KERR,
(L. S.)

Secretary.

The certificate was received and ordered in full on the minutes:

The following certificate from the Board of School Estimate was presented:

Board of School Estimate of the
School District of Hoboken, N. J.
To the Honorable the Board of Education of
the City of Hoboken, N. J.:

Gentlemen—This is to certify that at a meeting of the Board of School Estimate of the District of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, held on November 29, 1912, upon the consideration of the statement embodied in preamble and resolution, presented by the Board of Education, setting forth the necessity of an appropriation of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500), for the purpose of paying Eugene Ciccarelli for work done at Public School No. 9, the amount of the claim referred to in the aforesaid mentioned statement, the Board of School Estimate did fix and determine that the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) is necessary for the purpose mentioned, and we respectfully request your Honorable Body (the Mayor and Council) to borrow the said amount and secure the same by the issue of bonds, to be designated "School Bonds."

By order of the Board of School Estimate,
(Signed) JOHN J. DELANEY,
PATRICK H. DUFFY,
RICHARD A. MARNELL.

Attest: WM. A. KERR,
(L. S.) Secretary.

On motion the certificate was ordered in full on the minutes.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday evening, December 3, 1912, authorizing the closing of the schools from December 20, 1912, to January 2, 1913, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That the schools close for the Christmas vacation on Tuesday, December 24, 1912, and reopen on Monday, January 6, 1913.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso and Wendelken.

The following, signed by Messrs. Mooney, Lavery, Marnell, Alberts and President Lankering, was presented:

Whereas, It is manifest to the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken that the school building proposed by the Board of Education of 1911 to be erected on the site of School No. 1 (which was demolished) under plans and specifications prepared therefor by Eugene Ciccarelli, architect, would be insufficient for school purposes; and

Whereas, John T. Rowland, Jr., of Jersey City, recently employed by the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken as consulting architect to examine the plans and specifications prepared by said Eugene Ciccarelli and report thereon, and recommend to the Board what changes, if any, in his opinion, would be necessary and advisable in order to lessen the cost of construction and insure for the school children the greatest convenience and safety, has submitted his report in regard to the aforesaid matter, and recommended

1. That the plans and specifications for the erection of School No. 1, as adopted by the Board of Education of the year 1911, and the contracts entered into by said Board for the erection of said school building, be abandoned on such terms as are most advantageous to the city.

2. That more land be purchased by the Board of Education to materially increase the dimensions of the present school site in

order that a school building of the proper size, accommodations and character can be designed.

3. That new plans and specifications be prepared which shall be designed along the lines of the sketch submitted by said consulting architect, John T. Rowland, Jr.

4. That after submitting such new plans and specifications to the State Board of Education for approval, estimates of cost be secured by not later than February, 1913, in order that prices may be obtained before the usual rush of spring building work, and so that the Board may reasonably expect a completed building by the first of January, 1914; said report was received, but no action taken thereon; and

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Hoboken has duly considered said recommendations; and

Whereas, The cost of the proposed building under the plans and specifications prepared by said architect, Eugene Ciccarelli, would be far in excess of the amount contemplated to be expended therefor, and in excess of the moneys appropriated therefor; and

Whereas, The sum of \$150,000 was provided and is now on hand for the erection of said school building under the plans and specifications of said architect, Eugene Ciccarelli, and said Board of 1911 attempted, or claim to have legally awarded contracts for the mason work, carpenter work and plumbing work thereunder, at a total cost of \$165,438; and it being estimated that the cost of the additional work required to be performed under said plans and specifications to complete the building, including equipment, would be \$223,730; and

Whereas, A writ of certiorari has been issued out of the New Jersey Supreme Court in the suit of Palmer Campbell and Richard Stevens, prosecutors, against the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, De Riso Brothers, James A. Marnell, Jr., and Robert J. Rath, respondents, for the purpose of having the Court review the proceedings relating to the award of the aforesaid contracts, and to determine the legality of said award, which suit may not be determined by said Court before June, 1913; and

Whereas, It is most advisable and necessary that adequate school accommodations be provided, and a new school building erected upon the site of former School No. 1, and the additional lands secured and to be secured by the Board of Education as soon as possible; and

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Hoboken deems it impracticable and inadvisable to erect the school building proposed under the aforesaid plans and specifications of Eugene Ciccarelli; and

Whereas, The Board of Education, after careful consideration of the aforesaid matters, has concluded and is of the opinion that even though the Court in the aforesaid certiorari proceedings, or in any other proceedings, may determine that the aforesaid alleged contracts were legally awarded, it would nevertheless be to the best interests of the City of Hoboken to submit to any loss that may be occasioned by reason of said contracts having been entered into by said Board of 1911, than to permit the school building proposed to be erected by the said plans and specifications adopted by the Board of 1911; therefore be it

Resolved, That Schneider & Dieffenbach be and they are hereby employed as supervising architects, and John T. Rowland, Jr., be and he is hereby employed as consulting architect, the said architects to prepare plans, specifications and such detailed drawings as may be necessary for a suitable school building to accommodate not less than 1,400 pupils, to be erected on the site formerly occupied by Public School No. 1, and the lands acquired and to be acquired for school purposes in addition thereto, under the supervision of the Business Manager of the Board, the building to be erected thereunder to cost not more than \$240,000, including equipment, and that said architects, Schneider & Dieffenbach and John T. Rowland, Jr., submit said plans, specifications and drawings to said Board of Education for its approval and adoption on or before the twenty-seventh day of February, 1913; and be it further

Resolved, That the compensation to be paid to the aforesaid architects shall be six per centum on the total cost of said school building and equipment thereof.

Mr. Laverty moved the adoption of the preamble and resolution, which motion was seconded by Mr. Marnell, when Mr. Taylor moved to amend to have the resolution lie on the table, which motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Sheridan:

The motion to amend was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

The original motion was then called and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

The following was presented by Mr. Taylor:

Whereas, The Board of School Estimate have appropriated the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) for the payment to Eugene Ciccarelli, the sum agreed upon, in full settlement of his claim for services rendered in connection with the building of School No. 9, therefore be it

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn to the order of Eugene Ciccarelli in above amount, payable from the funds in hand, said funds to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of bonds.

President Lankering declared the resolution out of order, because the matter had been already acted upon by the Board and sent to the Board of School Estimate. Mr. Taylor appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" being put, the Chair was not sustained by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts and Mooney.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Excused from voting—President Lankering.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor and Wendelken.

Nays—Messrs. Alberts, Mooney and President Lankering.

On motion the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

STATED SESSION.

Stated session of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, held on Monday evening, December 16, 1912, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The reading of the minutes of the stated session of November 18, and the adjourned sessions of November 26, December 3 and 9, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

Superintendent Demarest submitted reports of the deductions in the pay roll for November, the attendance at the Industrial School, the Truant Officers, the Medical Inspectors, the Nurse and that of tardiness, and the reports were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted the report of the attendance in the public schools, showing an enrollment of 9,347, with an average attendance of 8,384. The report was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Superintendent Demarest presented the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 3, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Mr. David Walsh having served his period of probation, and having been reported by the Principal of the High School as having been efficient in instruction and discipline, is hereby recommended for permanent appointment as a teacher of physical training in the Hoboken High School.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

The report of the Superintendent was referred to the Committee on School Government.

A duplicate order from the State Comptroller, for the maintenance of the Manual Training School, in the sum of \$5,000, was presented by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary reported the receipt of an additional sum of \$75 for tuition fees for non-resident pupils entered in the High School, submitting the receipt of the Custodian for the same.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication from Secretary Kerr was presented:

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 12, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—I desire to inform you that on

December 11, 1912, I, in accordance with resolution adopted by your Honorable Body, drew a warrant in favor of Eugene Ciccarelli in the sum of \$6,500, and so informed the President. President Lankering declined to affix his signature to said warrant, stating that he would give his reasons in writing to the Board.

Respectfully,
(Signed) W. A. KERR, Secretary.

The following communication from President Lankering was then presented:

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 16, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education of Hoboken, N. J.:

Gentlemen—I was notified by the Secretary that, pursuant to the resolution of the Board passed on December 9, a warrant had been prepared for my signature to pay Architect Ciccarelli \$6,500 in settlement of an alleged claim of his on School No. 9.

I desire to inform the Board that I have declined to sign this warrant and that my reasons for so doing, briefly, are that I am of the opinion that the Board was not authorized in law to pass this resolution; that there are not sufficient funds available to pay the claim, and, further, that by signing this warrant I would be violating Section 31 of the Crimes Act.

Respectfully,
(Signed) GEO. LANKERING,
President.

On motion the communication was received and ordered in full on the minutes by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following communication from Recorder J. J. McGovern was presented and referred to the Committee on School Government and the Superintendent, viz.:

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 16, 1912.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Cigarette smoking by boys has become very general and, I believe, is a great evil in our city. It is considered by medical men that smoking of cigarettes impairs the mental and physical development of the boy.

A great many school boys are smoking cigarettes and I want your assistance in trying to control this condition.

Feeling that this letter will meet with your consideration and that you will take such steps as you deem necessary, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) JOHN J. MCGOVERN.

A letter from Miss Mary Edith Lawler was presented in which she gave expression to her sincere thanks and appreciation of the kindness shown by the members of the Board and her pleasure and gratitude in the presen-

tation of the illumined and engrossed set of resolutions which she had received.

Business Manager Clayton presented his report of the readings of the water, gas, electric light and power metres, as given by the several janitors in the schools; also his report of the work done and supplies furnished since his last report, calling especial attention to the work being done in connection with the sinking of the artesian well, showing that at this time (Dec. 16) the depth of the bore had reached about 635 feet, yet there is apparently no greater flow of water than there was at his last report; that in accordance with the terms of the contract the maximum depth of the bore is 700 feet, at the price of \$3.60 per foot.

The business Manager also reported that, in accordance with instructions, he had removed the extra upright piano from School No. 4 to the Truant School; also on Friday evening last, during the period of the "Social Centre," the cover of the piano in the Kindergarten room of School No. 9 had been forced open and the key destroyed.

The reports of the Business Manager were referred to the Committee on Repairs.

The following was presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That the name of Mrs. Dora Kohler be and the same is hereby placed on the eligible list of montresses.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

The following was presented by Mr. Laverty: Resolved, That Mrs. Dora Kohler be and she is hereby appointed a special substitute teacher in the employ of the Board of Education, at an annual salary of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), payable monthly; said appointment to take effect January 1, 1913.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nay—Mr. Mooney.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Whereas, David Walsh having served his year of probation as Instructor of Physical Training, and having been reported by the Principal of the High School as efficient in discipline and instruction, and being recommended by the Superintendent for permanent appointment, therefore be it

Resolved, That David B. Walsh be and he is hereby appointed permanently as Instructor of Physical Training in the High School at an annual salary of ten hundred dollars (\$1,000), payable monthly; this to take effect immediately.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

On request, Mr. Laverty was excused from further attendance.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That Cornelius Kiel, D. D. S., be and he is hereby reappointed as dentist in charge of the Dental Clinic, for a period of one year, at an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200), to be paid in equal monthly payments.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Laverty.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in favor of P. Leipziger, in the sum of eighty-five dollars (\$85), being the second payment of the Lecture Course for 1912-1913.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Laverty.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of December, 1912, be and the same is hereby ordered paid, subject to deduction by the Committee on School Government, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Laverty.

The following was presented by Mr. Alberts, Chairman Finance Committee:

Whereas, By virtue of Article VI, Section 55, of the State School law, entitled "An act to establish a thorough and efficient system of free public schools and to provide for the maintenance, support and management thereof," approved October 19, 1903, power is given to Boards of Education, after the first day of July and before the first day of January, to borrow a sum not exceeding one-half of the amount appropriated for current expenses and the repair of school houses under their control, and to execute and deliver promissory notes therefor, together with interest thereon at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum; and

Whereas, The moneys appropriated by the City of Hoboken for current expenses of the

District of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, the amount of which is \$170,790.58, are not available; and

Whereas, One-half of the amount now due the School District of Hoboken from the city amounts to \$85,395.29; and

Whereas, The Board of Education has already borrowed \$30,000 on this, leaving the sum of fifty-five thousand three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and twenty-five cents on which the Board can borrow; and

Whereas, It is necessary to provide for the payment of current expenses and the repair of school houses under their control, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education borrow the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) and execute and deliver a promissory note therefor, together with interest thereon at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum; and be it further

Resolved, That the said note be paid as soon as the appropriation is due and available for said purpose, and that the President and Secretary of the School District of Hoboken, County of Hudson, be and they are hereby authorized to sign said note.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Laverty.

The following claims were reported correct by the various Committees:

American Book Co., books to High School	\$29 88
J. C. Ladder Co., repairs at No. 9...	3 00
Consolidated Iron Works, repairs to No. 9	19 17
Water Commissioners, water to August, 1912	949 53
H. M. Rowe Co., books to High School	8 75
Headly-Farmer Co., janitors' supplies	1 90
E. Meyer, supplies	1 50
Manning, Maxwell & Moore, supplies	22 46

Wm. Kamlah, supplies, Medical Clinic	151 02
W. L. Kamena, wood to No. 3.....	14 00
Chas. Weber, repairs at High School	2 02
MacMillan Co., books to High School	4 44
N. H. Peters, supplies to No. 8.....	13 59
H. F. Speckmann, supplies to No. 9	19 18
Geo. Pinner, glazing.....	6 70
Schenkerberg & Son, repairs at No. 9	8 90
J. C. Window Cleaning Co., contract, High School	40 00
C. Dilts Co., medical supplies.....	5 25
N. Y. Telephone Co., contract, Nov.	53 33
H. J. Moller & Son, ice to Dec. 16..	9 70
Underwood T. W. Co., rent of typewriters, High School	115 00
Morten Mortensen, typewriting contracts	22 77
Union Towel Co., towels, etc., Dec..	29 56
W. D. Bindewald, janitors' supplies..	7 00
Alex. McCabe, repairs at No. 2 and 7	30 50
Milton Bradley Co., Kindergarten...	40 89
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs at Nos. 3, 4, 8 and High School.....	95 03
Jas. A. Marnell, work on boiler, No.5	7 35
Hudson Observer, minutes, Nov. 16, 28, Dec. 3, 9.....	325 40
Public Service Corp., gas and electric light and power.....	301 40
Robert J. Rath, repairs at Nos. 2, 4 and 6	37 12
On motion of Mr. Wendelken the reports of the Committees were received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote	
Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.	
Nays—None.	
Absent—Mr. Laverty.	
The following named pupils were given permission to leave school: George Madson, Marie Puglisi, Anna Draney, Carl Forsdahl, Florence Kalter, Mathilda Carchidi, Eliz. Weckesser, Ethel Berglund, M. Trezza, Lydia Diegman, Wm. Reingold, Walter Reimann, Wm. G. Ester, E. Brizzalari and B. Englebrecht.	

On motion the Board adjourned.

WM. A. KERR, Secretary.

Board of Education

STATED SESSION.

Stated session of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, held on Monday evening, January 20, 1913, at eight o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The reading of the minutes of the stated session of December 16, 1912, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

The reports of the Superintendent as to the deductions in the pay roll for the month of December, 1912; the attendance at the Industrial School, the Medical Inspector, Nurse, Dentist, Truant Officers, were presented and placed on file.

The Superintendent reported the attendance in the public schools, showing an enrollment of 9,338, with an average attendance of 8,175.

The report was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Superintendent Demarest recommended that the graduating exercises for Grammar School graduates be held on Thursday, February 6, 1913, at 3:30 p. m. At the suggestion of the Committee on School Government, the recommendation was approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest reported that Maurice Buell, instructor in the forge shop of the Evening High School, resigned to take effect on December 31, 1912, and that W. Dexheimer had been assigned to the position.

On recommendation of the Committee on School Government the action of the Superintendent was approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest submitted the following:

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 6, 1913.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—I beg leave to inform your Honorable Body that on December 12, 1912, the State Board of Education granted to Mr. Joseph A. Corcoran a limited Secondary State Certificate to teach sciences in the Hoboken High School.

Upon the endorsement of the credentials which Mr. Corcoran submitted to the State Board, this certificate was granted without an examination.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) , A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

The communication of the Superintendent was received and ordered spread in full on the minutes.

From the Superintendent:

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 20, 1913.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—The following named teachers, Misses Elizabeth Huger, Antoinette Tschinkel, Helen Guisto and Helen Gonzales, have completed their year of probation and have been reported by the several Principals as having been satisfactory in discipline and instruction. I would therefore recommend that these teachers be permanently appointed as such in the employ of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. J. DEMAREST,
Superintendent.

The communication was referred to the Committee on School Government, who recommended that the teachers named be permanently appointed. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Superintendent Demarest reported the names of the graduates from Hoboken and graduates from the Montclair Normal School and recommended that their names be placed on the official list of monitresses in order of their standing as graduation, viz.:

Elfreda G. Roorman, Helen A. Engelke, Ida E. Deitering, Mabel Allen, E. M. Hefferman, Mayma Butler, A. M. Patterson, Mary L. I. Murray, Edna A. Jensen and Mary N. A. Delaney.

The report was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Miss K. Funcheon, a teacher in School No. 1, asked for an extended leave of absence until September 1, 1913, and on recommendation of the Committee on School Government her request was granted, without pay, by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Miss Laura Herbert, a teacher in School No. 6, and having continuously taught in the City of Hoboken for a period of forty-one years, under the laws of 1906, asked for retirement as a teacher and the granting to her of the pension guaranteed under said law.

The petition was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Miss Anna Hunter, a registered nurse, made application for the position of nurse in the School Department of Hoboken, and her application was placed on file.

Miss Marguerite Carr, a graduate of the

Hoboken Training School, made application to have her name placed on the official list of Montresses, and her request was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Miss Mary L. Murray, a graduate of the Montclair Normal School, asked to have her name placed on the official list. Her request was referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. Ira Sheppard, a former teacher in the High School, claiming that when he retired from the Hoboken High School, there was due him one month's salary, made demand for the payment of \$141.66. The communication was placed, by motion, on file.

Application to place text books on the authorized list were received from Chas. Scribner's Sons, Funk-Wagnalls Company, and Scott, Foreman & Co., and referred to the Committee on School Government.

Mr. Chas. McDermott, Inspector of Buildings of the State Department, in a communication, informed the Board that he had been instructed not to enter into the controversy with reference to the opinions of the architects on plans for School No. 1. The communication was ordered on file.

Secretary Kerr submitted his monthly report of the condition of the several funds; also reported that he had received an additional sum of \$25.00, tuition fees, for non-resident pupils entered in the High School for the September, 1912, term, the receipt of the Custodian therefor being also submitted; the reports of the Secretary were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Business Manager A. W. Clayton submitted his monthly report of the reading of the various meters in the several schools, for water, gas, electric light and power; also his report as to the repairs made and the supplies furnished to the various schools; that a chandelier had been pulled from the ceiling of one of the class rooms in School No. 9, during the Social Centre meeting on December 20th, 1912; that a fire occurred in the High School early in the morning of December 24th, 1912, and that he had presented to the several insurance agents a statement of the amount of the loss claimed and asked for a speedy adjustment.

The reports of the Business Manager were referred to the proper committees.

A copy of the petition in the matter of the application of Eugene Ciccarelli to set aside the resolution of the Board of Education in the appointment of additional architects for the drawing of plans, etc., for School No. 1, was presented and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

President Lankering presented a statement from Richard Beyer, a civil engineer, who had been requested by the President to make

a test of the well recently driven on the northerly side of the High School; the statement of the engineer entered into every detail, showing the depth attained by boring, the number of strokes of the plunger, the diameter of the bore and the displacement per stroke; also the actual measurement of water delivered at the outflow pipe, the highest outflow being 60 gallons per minutes, with 40 strokes per minute.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

The following was presented by Mr. Marshall:

Whereas, At a regular session of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, held on December 9th, 1912, it was determined, by resolution duly adopted, that plans, specifications and detailed drawings be prepared and drawn for a suitable school building, to accommodate not less than 1,400 pupils, to be erected on the site formerly occupied by School No. 1 (now demolished), and additional lands required and to be acquired for such purpose; and

Whereas, Said Board of Education estimated that according to the proposed plans and specifications the approximate cost of such building would be the sum of \$240,000, including equipment; and

Whereas, The sum of \$150,000.00 was heretofore regularly appropriated, of which sum \$145,000.00 is now available for the erection of said building, and a further appropriation of \$25,000.00 for the same purpose has been fixed and determined by the Board of School Estimate, but is not yet available, thus making a total sum of \$170,000.00 to be applied towards the cost of the building contemplated by said plans and specifications; and

Whereas, The approximate cost of the building contemplated to be erected in accordance with said plans and specifications is \$240,000.00, thus requiring a further appropriation of \$70,000.00 in order to complete and equip said building; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, does hereby decide that it is necessary to raise the sum of \$70,000.00, in addition to the foresaid sum of \$170,000.00, for the erection and equipment of the aforesaid school building, and does hereby estimate that the sum of \$240,000.00 in all to be necessary for the erection and equipment of said school building; and be it further

Resolved, That a statement of the aforesaid amount of money estimated to be necessary for such purpose be prepared and delivered to each member of the Board of School Estimate of the Hoboken School

District, and said Board of School Estimate be requested to fix and determine the said sum of \$240,000.00 as necessary for such purpose, and to take action such as may be necessary to raise the aforesaid additional sum of \$70,000.00, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided.

Mr. Marnell moved the adoption of the resolution, which motion was seconded by Mr. Laverty, and upon the ayes and nays being called was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Laverty, Marshall, Mooney, Taylor and President Lankering.

Nays—Messrs. Barso, Sheridan and Wendelken.

The following communication from John J. Fallon, Corporation Attorney, was presented, read and ordered in full on the minutes, vi.:

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 20, 1913.

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken.

Gentlemen—In the matter of the application of the Board of Education of the City of Hoboken, in the county of Hudson, to acquire lands of John Podesta, for school purposes, by way of condemnation, I desire to say that said John Podesta died about two weeks ago, while the aforesaid condemnation proceedings were pending, leaving a last will and testament wherein he named his wife, Mary Podesta, sole executrix thereof, giving to his said executrix authority to sell and convey the lands owned by said decedent. Since the death of said John Podesta, your Committee on School No. 1 site, and myself negotiated with John S. Mabon, Attorney for said executrix, and as a result of said negotiations, the said executrix, through her said attorney, has offered to sell to your Board the lands and premises in question, free of all liens and encumbrances, for the sum of \$28,250.00. I request that you adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of the lands and premises in question for said sum of \$28,250.00, and direct the Secretary of your Board to draw a warrant for said amount on the Custodian of School Moneys, to the order of Mary Podesta, executrix of the Estate of John Podesta, deceased, the said moneys to be paid to said Mary Podesta, executrix, of the Estate of John Podesta, deceased; the said moneys to be paid to said Mary Podesta, executrix, etc., upon executing and delivering to your Board a full covenant and warranty deed for said lands and premises; and upon acquisition of said lands and premises, by purchase, I be authorized to discontinue the aforesaid condemnation proceedings.

Respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN J. FALLON,
Corporation Attorney.

A recess was then declared and upon re-assembling the following were

Present—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following was presented by the Committee on School Government:

Your Committee would recommend that the following named applicants be placed on the eligible list of Monitresses in the following order, viz.:

1.—Gertrude M. Haggerty, Laura J. Wintrich, Elfreda G. Doorman, Helen A. Engelke, Ida E. Dietering, Mabel Allen, Ethel M. Heffernan.

2.—Mayma Butler, Agnes M. Patterson, Mary L. I. Murray, Edna A. Jensen, Mary E. A. Delaney, Margerite Carr.

Mabel Allen (licensed to teach in Kindergarten, 1st, 2d and 3d grades.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD MOONEY,
R. A. MARNELL,
ROBT. H. ALBERTS,
J. P. LAVERTY,

Committee.

On motion the recommendation of the Committee was approved and the names so placed by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

From the Committee on School Government:

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 20, 1913.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Miss Laura Herbert, asking that she be retired as a teacher under the act of the Legislature as amended 1904 and that she be granted a pension under said act, would report that we have carefully examined the records of the school department and find that Miss Herbert has taught continuously for a period of forty-one years. While fully appreciating the valuable service she has rendered and regretting the necessity, we recommend that she be retired and granted the pension requested, under the statute in such case made and provided. Said retirement to date from February 1, 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) RICHARD MOONEY,
RICHARD A. MARNELL,
J. P. LAVERTY,

Committee.

On motion the report of the Committee was received and its recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

The following reports from the Committee on School No. 1 were presented, viz.:

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 20, 1913.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on School No. 1 would respectfully and with pleasure report, that on the 16th instant last, they entered into an agreement with Richard W. Dewey, the owner of the property known as No. 156 Third street, Hoboken, N. J., for the purchase thereof, for the sum of six thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$6,625), five per cent of purchase price to be paid upon the confirmation of this agreement and the remainder upon the delivery of the deed for said property. We would therefore recommend the confirmation and approval of our action and that an order be drawn on the bond issue for School No. 1 in the sum of three hundred and thirty-one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$331.25), being five per cent of the purchase price.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) RICHARD MOONEY,
RICHARD A. MARNELL,
J. P. LAVERTY,

Committee.

Also the following, viz.:

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 20, 1913.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

Gentlemen—We, the members of the Committee on School No. 1 would respectfully report that we have entered into an agreement with Mary Podesta, executrix of the estate of John Podesta, deceased, owner of the property on the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets, for the purchase thereof, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, for the sum of twenty-eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$28,250). We would therefore recommend that our action be approved, and that an order be drawn on the bond issue for the purchase of additional site for the erection of the school building to take the place of School No. 1, drawn to the order of Mary Podesta, executrix of the estate of John Podesta, deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) RICHARD MOONEY,
RICHARD A. MARNELL,
J. P. LAVERTY,

Committee.

On motion the reports of the Committee on School No. 1 were received and its action in both cases approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

A communication from Mr. Gobin Stair, of the Robert Stevens Fund for Municipal Research, asking that the Board give credentials for the purpose of making a health survey of the city, which requires the assistance of

the Department of Education, was received and referred to the Committee on School Government.

Presented by Mr. Marnell:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw an order on the bond issue for School No. 1, in the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,250), in favor of Mary Podesta, executrix of the estate of John Podesta, deceased, being in payment of the purchase price of the property situate on the northeast corner of Garden and Third streets, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, upon the execution and delivery of a full covenant and warranty deed for said land and premises.

On motion of Mr. Laverty, seconded by Mr. Mooney, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Laverty:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to draw an order on the Bond Issue for the purchase of additional site for School No. 1, in the sum of three hundred and thirty-one (\$331.25) dollars and twenty-five cents, being five per cent. of the purchase price of the property known as No. 156 Third street, owned by Richard W. Dewey; and be it further

Resolved, That they be also authorized to draw an order on the said Bond Issue, in the sum of six thousand two hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6,293.75), being the balance of the purchase price of the property aforesaid; said order to be drawn to the order of the said Richard W. Dewey, upon the delivery of the deed for said property, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to the Board of Education.

On motion of Mr. Laverty, seconded by Mr. Marnell, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Mooney:

Resolved, That Miss Sophie Seufert be and she is hereby appointed a teacher on probation in the public schools of this city, at an annual salary of six hundred (\$600) dollars, payable in twelve monthly payments; said appointment to take effect February 1st, 1913.

On motion, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by the Committee on School Government:

Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to attend the annual meeting of the Superintendents of the United States at Philadelphia, on February 26, 27, 28, 1913, at the expense of the Board of Education, at a sum not to exceed thirty-five dollars.

On motion of Mr. Mooney, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Resolved, That the pay roll for the month of January, 1913, be and the same is hereby ordered paid, subject to deduction by the Committee on School Government, and that an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in payment of the same.

On motion of Mr. Alberts the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barson, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Presented by Mr. Alberts:

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Custodian of School Moneys in favor of P. Leipziger, in the sum of eighty-five dollars, being the third payment in the lecture course of 1912-1913.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barson, Laverty, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendelken and President Lankering.

Mr. Barso presented a resolution which sought to establish an adjunct to the Medical Inspection Department, especially for the purpose of making examination of pupils with the view of detecting and treating defective eyesight, which, it is claimed, has a deterrent, discouraging and destructive effect on the children in their studies; also making provision for the appointment of a physician of repute, training and experience for this purpose.

The resolution, without action, was referred to the Committee on School Government, in conjunction with the Medical Inspectors.

Mr. Barso proposed an amendment to Rule 44 of the Manual, which was laid over under the rules to be considered by the Committee on School Government.

Mr. Barso presented a resolution calling the attention of the Board to the fact that under the present conditions it is necessary for the Board to borrow a large sum of money for the maintenance of the schools in anticipation of the payment by the State of the amount of the apportionment of State moneys, thus involving the expenditure of a large sum for interest on said loans, at

five per cent. and sometimes more, while the State withholds the moneys and receives two per cent. from favored banks; the resolution also suggested that the Board earnestly petition the Legislature for relief.

The resolution, by viva voce vote, was adopted.

The following named pupils were given permission to leave school and so were exempted from attendance viz.: Carmine Hasset, Anna Ruggiero, Louis Johnson, Tessie Checcha, Henry Semar, Julia Weder, Otto Meyer, Ernest Jesch, Angelina Scarpulla, Wilhelmina Rose, Emma Neymer, Segval Christesen, Florence Kalter, Vincenzo Colorado, Ida Kollesch, Marie Aderiana, Elsie Baggot, Solomon Goldstein, James Egan, Joseph Proitero, Clara Larsen, Charlotte Morgenstein.

The following were reported correct by the various committees:

Henry W. Grote, care of clocks....	\$57 50
Revere Rubber Co., supplies to H. S.	5 31
Milton Bradley Co., kindergarten supplies	14 58
J. L. Giffors, dictionary to H. S....	10 00
N. H. Peters, supplies to No. 8....	6 65
Remington T. W. Co., supplies to H. S.	11 20
Manning, Maxwell & Moore, supplies to H. S.	6 10
Keuffel-Esser Co., srplies to H. S..	26 99
Hoadley-Farmer Co., janitors' supplies	2 00
Wm. D. Bindewald, supplies, contract	341 09
Wm. D. Bindewald, supplies to H. S.	19 80
Joseph H. Browne, supplies to H. S.	15 43
The Furst Co., janitors' supplies....	8 89
E. Steiger & Co., kindergarten supplies	294 35
Kerr & Paradise, repairs at Truant School	6 45
Chas. Weber, framing picture.....	2 25
Fagan Iron Works, repairs at No. 9	2 04
L. T. H. Shafer, court fees (No. 1)..	12 00
J. C. Window Cleaning Co., cleaning at H. S.	40 00
A. Capelli, rent of T. S., January and February	50 00
N. Y. Telephone Co., contracts, etc., January	50 93
Richard Beyer, survey, Bond Issue No. 1	113 00
Underwood T. W. Co., rent typewriters, High School.....	115 00
Underwood T.W. Co., exchange typewriters	105 00
Wm. L. Kamena, coal to schools (six claims)	1,454 19
Wm. L. Kamena, coal to schools (six claims)	1,684 87
P. Leipziger, third payment, lecture	

course	85 00
Edwin J. Kerr, supplies, contract...	152 41
Geo. J. Pinner, glazing.....	17 85
J. E. Kenna, repairs at Nos. 4 and 9 and High School.....	12 95
J. A. Goegger, janitors' supplies, High School	12 50
Hudson Observer, minutes, supplies and annual report.....	275 55
M. Pistor, ink to schools.....	21 15
Frank Cordts Furniture Co., furni- ture and supplies.....	133 35
Jas. A. Marnell, repairs at Nos. 4 and 8	73 47
Robert J. Rath, repairs at Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8	25 58
Robert J. Rath, repairs at High School (fire loss).....	48 70
S. Bloomberg, glazing at Nos. 5, 7 and 9	36 10
Thos. F. Devlin, repairs at High School (fire loss).....	32 57

Kelly Dental Supply Co., supplies, Dental Clinic	15 96
W. Kamlah, supplies, Medical Clinic	3 80
C. Muzzi & Co., janitors' supplies...	65 40
Ginn & Co., books to High School...	25 -
Alex. McCabe, repairs at Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9.....	55 50
Wm. L. Kamena, coal and wood, High School	348 43
Jas. Whalen, repairs, Nos. 4, 5 and High School	39 61
Francis J. Ross, janitors' supplies, contract	100 01
A. J. Demarest, expenses to Super- intendents' Convention	35 00
On motion the reports of the Committees were received and the claims ordered paid by the following vote:	
Ayes—Messrs. Alberts, Barso, Lavery, Marnell, Mooney, Sheridan, Taylor, Wendel- ken and President Lankering.	
On motion the Board adjourned.	
WILLIAM A. KERR, Secretary.	



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